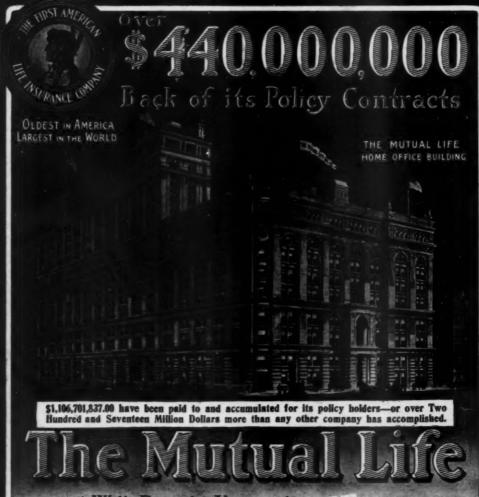
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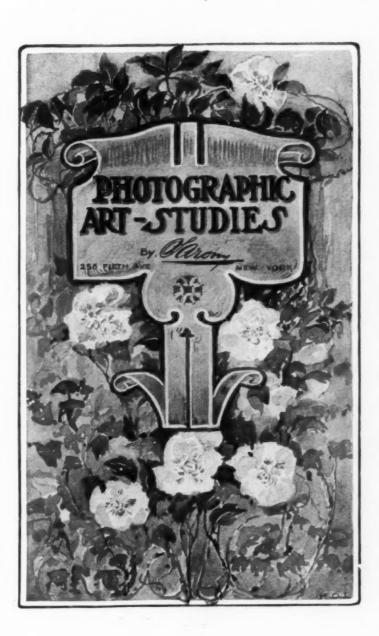
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"He waylayed her in corridors."

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The Woof of Success

BY HENRY BURNHAM BOONE

Lindsay, for a long time, did not view his leaving America as in any sense a rout. There is no sentiment of patriotism to keep one on the firing line of business. If he had been asked why he went, he would have found it difficult to explain. He had unfortunately been born with fastidious tastes, a thing he could not help. He had been raised among cultivated people in a country neighborhood, from which he had emigrated with flutterings of ambition to metropolitan life and a boarding house. New York has a large population of wellbred people, but Lindsay was not thrown among them. It so happened that the men under whom he found employment looked upon breeding, good manners and a cultivated speech as frills.

Early in his career he fell under the dominion of a pair of bright eyes, and tried to accelerate his pace. His own ambitions were vague, concerned with dreams and ideals. Hers were practical, concerned with dollars and abilities which have a market value. She had been raised in luxury, and although there never existed between herself and Lindsay any definite engagement, he understood that when he was in a position to support her comfortably, it was probable that she would consent to be so supported. Comfortable support, expressed in terms of currency, varies widely. Socially, Miss Clarkson, she of the bright eyes, was nobody, despite the fact that her father was a rich man and owned a large share of a newspaper, but being a rich nobody is a long way more diverting than being a poor nobody. She regarded a poor somebody as a contemptible cipher.

She advised Lindsay "to get down to

business," and poor Lindsay, with his head in the air and a carnation in his button hole, resolutely tried. While he was so doing she wrote to him from Atlantic City, where she summered, and from Southern California, where she wintered, inquiring minutely into his prospects and salary and giving sage advice. These letters so frayed her lover's nerves that he at last wrote her, asking what he ought to be making to marry on. She answered that she thought that when "dear Jack was making five thousand a year with good prospects ahead, they might risk it."

On receipt of this, Lindsay threw up his position and took a walk on New York streets. He discovered of a sudden that he no longer wished to marry her. He had gotten into the habit of thinking that he was to marry her, and in the struggle to bring it about he had not speculated on the desirability of the end in view.

He was very tired and very harassed, now that he took time to think about it. He was over thirty and he had missed everything his nature craved. He felt no assurance of the financial success for which he had been striving.

His walk took him to the Battery, and he saw a large ocean steamer outward bound. He idly watched the black hull and floating smoke for a long time. Americans who had succeeded were taking a holiday abroad. Miss Clarkson had talked of going abroad in the fall. As far as he was concerned, she could go and stay until eternity. Why had she ever thought to marry him? Her father could pay her bills. Why had she thought of substituting another in his place? She was mistress of her father's house. It was in a good

location. Why, in Heaven's name, had she contemplated leaving it for one of his, Lindsay's, providing? There was no sense in it any way you looked at it. What in the name of reason did girls marry for, anyway, if they had a fine house and some one to support them ready-made at hand?

What was it she had told him her silk petticoats cost? Or was that the fare to Los Angeles? What did cut on the bias mean? Where was it the girl who married Mr. Franks lived? Was 1000 the number of the house or the rent? Heavens! that was no rent! Isabel said 5000? Or was that what her father made in wheat? He consulted a policeman about it. Was Mr. Franks old or young, or didn't it matter which he was if he made Twenty Thousand a year?

He was very polite to the policeman, but the policeman refused to answer and

called a cab.

"Where do you live?" he said.

"Isabel says she wants to live in the Vanderbilt mansion on Fifth Avenue," he answered. "But I haven't bought it yet. There's a house on Fifty-sixth Street that I thought might do. Do you know what they want for rent, my friend?"

He whispered in the policeman's ear, and the policeman put his arm around him, for just then there was an earthquake.

"Down comes the Vanderbilt mansion," he said. "I really couldn't have bought it anyway."

He must have been mistaken about the earthquake, for his landlady told him next day there hadn't been one. It was not the next day by her reckoning. In some way he had missed count of time by two weeks, but of one thing he felt assured. In some way it was no longer his bounden duty to marry a girl whose intonation made him shiver, and who talked all the time about how much the husbands of some of her friends made. They might give their wives lapdogs which could be passed through wedding-rings, and he would no longer feel humiliated.

In this way Lindsay discovered he was a failure a long time before any one else, and he went abroad before his failure became notorious. He had no near living relatives, and he was possessed of a small income. He kicked his shoes against the gangway and was pleased to see the wind blow away some particles of dust. He felt that it was after the scriptural manner, his going.

But he went abroad to do nothing. He made bowing acquaintance with great paintings. With a willingness to rhapsodize, he confessed that they did not stir in him the emotions to which others gave testimony. He was a piece of flotsam on the sea of Continental life. He bumped against other bits of stray wreckage, but learned to avoid Americans killing time in a way not to be easily distinguished from his own. There were few beaches in the blue gulf of Naples on which he had not slept after his third summer there. In Florence, where he spent his winters, he had many Italian friends. Outwardly, in dress, manners and eye for a pretty passing face, Lindsay became a well-bred Italian idler. His fiber remained stubbornly Anglo-Saxon. If he had dissipated, which he did not, he must have dissipated harder than his friends, and it would have struck deeper and poisoned his nature. If he were to do a thing forbidden, he must hide it. Not so with They hid nothing. If they felt fear they admitted that they were afraid. There is no openness like that of a Latinand no deceit so deep.

The third winter of his nomadic life found him at the table of a small pension in Florence in the company of three elderly English ladies, one of them a friend, his oldest friend abroad. Her name was the Honorable Miss Craven and she was the aunt of a peer. Lindsay was attracted to her because she reminded him of his

mother.

One night during dinner, the English lady who sat opposite Lindsay, and who wore about her neck many strings of corals and pearls, lifted up her lorgnette for a filling stare at a new arrival.

"English," she said to the table. Miss Hackett, who sat on the lady's left, demurred, and backed the new-

comer for a Colonial.

The Honorable Miss Craven adjusted her glass, and a moment afterward exchanged bows with the young lady who had aroused the controversy. "Oh, I know her very well," Miss Craven said in guarded tones. "Her name is Miss Errol, and she is an Englishwoman who lives in Italy."

"I was perfectly sure of it," the lady of the pearls and corals said. "You heard me say she was English, Mr.

Lindsay?"

"I did," Lindsay said gravely, "but does that combat Miss Hackett's supposition that she is Colonial? I ask for information."

"Perhaps Miss Craven can tell us where she was born. I know of no other way of settling it," Miss Hackett said,

bridling.

"I don't know where she was born," Miss Craven answered mildly, for the other two ladies were hanging out banners of war. "She has lived in Corfu, Italy and India."

"If she were born in India," the lady of the corals said, "you are undoubtedly aware that that would not make her a Colonial."

"I am quite aware of it,"

Miss Hackett said.

"She has not the manners of a Colonial," her adversary said. "I beg your pardon, Miss Hackett, I momentarily forgot that you were a Colonial."

"My father was the Bishop of New Zealand," Miss Hackett said fiercely.

"She might like to join our table," Miss Craven suggested, with a view of relieving the tension. "She is very well-bred. I am so afraid they will put a German at this table, I often lie awake dreading it."

At this threat of a German invasion

other interests paled.

"I should protest against it as an outrage," the lady of the corals declared. "To see a German eat would take away what little appetite I have."

Miss Errol did not join their table, on the plea of crowding them, and was accom-



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"A filling stare at a new arrival."

modated with a table by a window, at which she sat alone.

She attracted Lindsay very much, even before he met her. He was perfectly sure it would be difficult to make any sort of acquaintance with her, and still harder to make her talk. She fulfilled his convictions with overflowing measure.

Nevertheless, he waylaid her in corridors and held her in talk in the drawingroom, where voices hummed of evenings.

"I was born in England," she told him.

"Kent. How funny that your old ladies should be so excited over it! Yes, I like Italy very much. I have lived some time here."





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"He saw the two together many times."

"Miss Craven told me that she had lived here thirty-eight years," he offered, in his endeavor to find conversation.

"Yes, she told me. Fancy that!"

This last was not an exclamation, for Miss Errol did not exclaim. There was no marked languor in her manner, but she appeared to have no enthusiasms. And yet she attracted him more and more every day.

One evening he became very bold.

"Won't you come to the café with me to-night?" he asked her.

"So good of you, but I can't, you know," she said with a smile. "It isn't done here."

"Any American girl, that chose to, would," he said discontentedly. "You are not Italian."

"No, but we are living in Italy, aren't we? American girls are very—courageous," she said, after a search for an adjective.

"Perhaps Miss Craven would come along."

"She can't, poor dear; she has rheumatism."

"Can't I get you a chair?" he said.

They were standing bolt-upright near the drawing-room door.

"I don't mind standing, really. Besides, a chair would be in the way, wouldn't it?"

A short time afterward she became monosyllabic, although she attended smil-

ingly to everything he said.

Perhaps it was her smile that held him. It was a smile that hinted at sunny, warm depths in her nature. He had never seen any one with such an entirely lovable expression. She was never remotely familiar, never by any chance spoke of herself, or asked him a question concerning himself, but he had no such reserves, and sometimes when he asked her some pertinent question she would open her eyes wide as if in wonder at his interest.

"I came here expecting to meet a friend, and we were going to Trieste and down the Dalmatian coast," she told him. "How funny that you should be interested! But she is sick, poor dear, in Dresden, and talks of going back to England. Thoughtless of her, isn't

t?"

"And will you stay on here?" he per-

"Chi sa," she said, spreading her hands.
"I must go now and see Miss Craven.
She is very sorry for herself."

Lindsay waited some time, hoping that she would return. After he had given up seeing her again that night, he heard the horn blow on the Lung' Arno, the signal that guests were arriving in the bus.

At the door of the *pension* he came upon Mr. Clarkson and his daughter, followed by porters with their luggage.

Mr. Clarkson apologized to Lindsay for coming to such a small hotel, but he said the big ones were all full.

"This one ain't even in the Baedeker," he said. "I guess it ain't much, but we'll have to make out, though there won't be much chance for you to wear your Paris dresses, hey, Isabel? She nearly broke me in Paris."

"I guess papa's pocketbook can stand a dress or two," Isabel answered.

"I guess it can." I guess it can," her father said with some satisfaction. "I've been figuring on the train, and I save money coming abroad. We've got three days for Florence. What are the attractions?"

Lindsay found they expected him to sit by them while they took supper, and he acquiesced in the arrangement. Mr. Clarkson was too hungry at first to talk, but when he had satisfied the pressing demands of appetite he demanded nothing but listeners.

"Every man to his trade," he said, producing a bundle of newspapers. "Now, I don't know anything about art. It ain't in my line. But I am posted on newspapers. I've been collecting the best Italian journals, those admitted to be the best, do you understand? Take a look at 'em. You know 'em, do you? Well, I'm carrying them back to New York as curiosities. The editor of a paper in a cross-roads town would be ashamed to offer his readers such picayune sheets."

He snorted triumphantly.

"I wish father would leave newspapers alone," Isabel said, appealing to Lindsay. "He's always bringing up the Italian papers. Of course Italy isn't the United States. We all know that."



"I should say it wasn't. I should say it wasn't," Mr. Clarkson said with sweeping contempt. "What I maintain is this. I can judge of the papers. Now get a man who can judge of the pictures, an American, you understand, and I'll bet it would be the same way with their art. I'll bet if you set their galleries against a collection of New York pictures, foreign and domestic, they'd look like thirty cents alongside a double eagle. Am I right?"

Lindsay opined that there were two or three pictures in Italy reputed not to be

equaled in the world.

"Well," Mr. Clarkson said, with lowered voice, "let's buy them quietly. That's my idea. If we lack a few things in the picture line, let's have them. America's the only country in the world that's really down to business. Take Venice, now. For pretty, the World's Fair in Chicago knocked it into a cocked hat. Honestly, the houses there make you seasick, they're so out of plumb. There ain't anything I've seen abroad that I couldn't show you in America twice as good and ten times as big."

He returned to his food.

"I saw an awfully nice-looking girl in the corridor," Miss Isabel said. "Who is she?"

"There is only one young girl in the house. She is English," Lindsay an-

swered.

"I knew that. You could tell that from the way she dressed. I wonder if she wouldn't be nice for me to go around with. Father says he won't see any more churches."

"No, sir, you won't get me into a church," he returned, in a manner of one

who had suffered a surfeit.

"I want to meet that English girl," Miss Isabel said to Lindsay on parting

for the night.

The next day before lunch Lindsay met Miss Errol going out. She consented to his accompanying her for a short distance.

"I have some friends here who want to meet you. I am not urging it at all. Honestly, I don't think you'd like them."

She almost stopped short and turned an appealing face to him.

"Oh, I am so sorry," she said, and

began to walk on again. "I didn't know they were friends of yours. I am afraid I was rude to them. I am so sorry. I was at breakfast this morning. I don't like to have people whom I don't know talk to me. And the girl sat down beside me. I was so annoyed. I am sure I was rude. I was going out now to avoid them. I will go straight back and you must introduce me."

"I wouldn't," he said.

"Oh, I must," she answered, and turned back.

She seemed very much concerned, and Lindsay hastened to assure her that they were not properly friends, merely acquaintances. His fascination for Miss Clarkson seemed so remote as almost to have been in another incarnation. He felt no longer the slightest interest in what she said or did, whether she came or went.

"I did not know the girl was a lady—I beg your pardon," Miss Errol said, flushing very red.

"How could you?" Lindsay laughed with great amusement.

"That was a very nasty thing of me to say," Miss Errol continued contritely.

He saw the two together many times during the next few days, and wondered dispassionately what they had found in common. He looked upon Miss Clarkson as one looks on an outgrown ambition. It seemed extraordinary that he should have once labored with might and main that he might marry her. He contemplated with amusement the smart cant of her hat, the exaggeration of present fashion in the shoulders of her blouses, which drooped half-way to her elbow, in her quarrel with nature to produce a long waist, in the profile of her skirts, which reminded him of nothing as much as a blue-jacket's trousers.

"She can successfully prove to Miss Errol that I am a futility," he said to himself. "But it really doesn't matter. I am a futility. My days of making bricks

without straw are over."

He carefully avoided the Clarksons without seeming at pains to do so, and yet their very presence in the city annoyed him. He felt that the eyes of the girl at least were directed upon his own aimless life with a kind of contempt. One evening he could not avoid her.

"When are you coming back?" she said.

"Who knows?" he answered lightly, balancing his cane in his hand as a hint that he was on this way out. She was not to be diverted.

"You aren't an Italian," she said, "and you don't seem to me an American any longer. I shouldn't think you'd like not belonging anywhere. I should want to be something."

"I have no such ambition. And you, you are something."

He enveloped her with a patronizing smile.

She regarded him with serious eyes.

"It wasn't my fault," she said. "A girl has to think ahead when she marries."

"You have no omission of that sort to reproach yourself with."

"I was afraid I made you think you were a failure before——"

"Before I was proved one?" He laughed. "My dear Isabel, you read the signs aright."

"Girls can't marry a man who can't support them," she said. "Charlie Black, who took your place in the business, has become a partner."

"Hurray for Charlie!" he said. "I wonder if he still talks with his mouth full."

"He is regarded as a very successful man," she said severely.

"He is coming abroad this summer."

"I hope he will return my bow," Lindsay said.

"I don't understand you," she said. "I don't see why you should live this way. You are not getting anywhere."

"Perhaps I have arrived," he answered, but her words stung him. He thought over what she had said, as he sipped his coffee at the café that night. The fables extended far out into the piazza, and the light-hearted Continental crowd was all around him. A band was playing in the brightly lighted square and a swarm of people sauntered back and forth. He was a looker-on. It was borne in upon him that he would never be anything else unless he went back to his own people and his own country. And yet he had

every right to be happy; he was happy—
if he could but convince himself of the
fact. "Dolce far niente," he told himself.
He did not realize that the phrase expressed a Latin truth for Latins.

He sought for Miss Errol the next evening in vain. The concierge had not seen her, but the bell-boy volunteered the information that he had carried a card to her room and she had scribbled something on the card and he had brought it back to the man. The man stood in the hall some time afterward, he thought.

Lindsay went to his room and found his place in an Italian novel, but presently he went to the window to see what the night promised.

A low murmur of voices struck his ears from the terrace just outside the window. "I am not listening," he told himself.

"I cannot understand a word."

He had thought he was free and he found that he was not free. He had thought his early experience had inoculated him, but as he listened to the two voices, and the faint sound of Miss Errol's pretty Italian was borne to him, he felt sick with jealousy and despair.

"I must stand back, a cursed futility, and see another man win her," he said to himself.

Presently the two came from the shadows toward the door which opened into the hall. The man walked behind her, talking in low tones. Just as she reached the door, he stooped, and catching one of her hands, he kissed it several times.

His Italian friends knew who Magatti was. He had been at some trouble to learn the name of Miss Errol's visitor.

"Magatti?" one said, shrugging his shoulders and spreading his hands. "Signor Lindsay asks who is Magatti, Mario."

"Magatti is a very handsome fellow," Mario said, "who hangs around the American and English *pensions*. He has many friends, upon whom he lives. Is it not true, Everado?"

"Davvero. And his friends are all women."

"Lives on what he gets from women?" demanded Lindsay.

"How else? His family have nothing. He is a Piedmontese, so am I." Mario said. "He does nothing. He must eat, and he dresses very well indeed. Last winter it was a Chicago widow. He has a good nose for money. Whoever it is now, she has money. Nothing else matters."

"What is his family?" Lindsay asked. Mario waved his hand with a slight twisting motion. "Cosi! So-so, not good, not bad. He doesn't go among Italians. A year ago he was always with an American woman at the Grand Hotel. They used to come here. She was not bad."

"Old!" Everado said.

It is difficult for a woman to deceive an Italian in the matter of age, for he will plant his chair so that he may stare at her uninterruptedly, if he chooses, using an opera glass if he wishes to make a minute inspection.

"He is good enough for American and English girls," Mario said. "Let them

have him, poor dears."

Miss Craven had not been to the hotel table for several days. The chambermaid whom Lindsay dispatched to her room with a message of sympathy brought back word that she would like to see him.

She was sitting by an open window when he came in. The sky was bright with stars, which were reflected in the dancing waters of the Arno. A street singer with his back against the river's wall was singing "Dolce morire, vicino a te," to the accompaniment of a guitar. His voice was drowned every now and then by the rattle of a cab on the stone pavement.

"Are you not afraid to sit by an open window?" Lindsay asked in concern.

"Please shut it. I was listening to the man singing. I have heard the same song and the same voice so many years! They are old friends. Helen Errol was here, poor child! She has just begun this life and I am almost done with it. We were very silly. She put her head in my lap and we cried together."

"Is she lonely?"

"Yes. She has no home and nothing in the world that belongs to her. She has been here five years, and I thirty-eight. I was young like her when I came. I am too old to go back now. All my friends are dead or have forgotten me. She ought to go back to England, but I'm afraid she never will. Italy gets into the blood, and you stay on, and presently you have dreamed your life away."

"Perhaps she will marry here?"

"I don't like mixed marriages. I do not think they often are very happy. I think one should marry one's own kind. We were talking a little about you. Don't you feel flattered? She says you have been very nice to her."

"I think she is charming."

"She is very reserved, and she doesn't like meeting people. But she is lovely when you know her."

"If such a thing is possible," Lindsay

said.

The next afternoon Miss Errol passed through the lower hall equipped with gloves and parasol, and went forth on the hot Lung' Arno. Lindsay took his hat, and deliberately followed her at a distance. She crossed the Signoria and continued down the narrow streets where the sun seldom shone, to the Duomo. Here, after some moments' converse with a guard, she took a tram for Fiesole.

She was sitting on the low wall near the Franciscan church on the summit of the hill when he came upon her as if by chance, She was looking out over the hills, covered from base to summit with olive trees and vines. Tuscany, from one end to the other, is a great garden, marvelous in its

minute, orderly cultivation.

He had never known her to make conversation, or to be oppressed by silences. She made no conversation now, and when she had answered such of his remarks as demanded answers, she attended to what her eyes saw in the landscape.

"I went to see Miss Craven last night,"

he said.

"Did you?" she answered. "That was very nice of you. She is very sorry for herself, poor dear. People always are when they are down a bit, don't you think?"

"She is very fond of you," he said.

"Is she?" She gathered up her parasol as if to go. "It is lovely here," she said, and rose to her feet.

"Please stay," he said.

"I must go."



"She was looking out over the hills."

"Stay."

She made a movement as if to go, but did not. Instead, she stood for a moment smiling down upon him.

"Sit where you were, please," he commanded.

She gave a nervous laugh, and in her face came the faintest expression of coquetry.

"Suppose I don't like staying?" she said, swinging her parasol.

He pointed with his hand to the wall from which she had arisen. "There, please."

She mutinously took the seat he indi-

"I have some letters to write," she said.

"They must wait."

"But they can't wait. My friend, Mrs. Harper (she is an American and orders people like you), is in the Yosemite. I don't know American geography. She says she is going to India, and for me to meet her in Calcutta."

"You have been to India before?"

" Yes."

"Around the world?"

"Yes."

"How many times?"

"Let me think. All around? Three."

"What place do you like best?"

"What silly questions you ask! Florence. I should think."

"Are you going to travel all your life?" "I don't know. Aren't you bored

"No."

She shrugged her shoulders. She had

many Italian gestures.

"Miss Errol," he said carefully, looking away, "please write to Mrs. Harper that you will join her in Calcutta."

"Why?" she said, unsuspecting.

"Because," he began, and he made several starts before he could go on. "Because I have found that Signor Magatti is not a good, sort."

"You have been spying on me," she cried. "What right have I given you to

speak of what concerns me?

"None," he said slowly. "None whatever.'

Her face was very white. She was indignant-but very helpless. He could hardly recognize in her now the selfcontained woman whose acquaintance he had found it so hard to make. Her manner had given the impression of reserved strength which she did not possess. He had thought her self-sufficient, abundantly able to take care of herself. In this second he saw that he had been mistaken. The mask was down. She was the girl who had been crying in Miss Craven's arms the night before, a thing which he had found hard to believe.

"I am going," she said, as if asking

leave. "I am going too. Do you know a road home?"

"I know one. It is rather long."

"I wish it stretched to eternity," he said.

She started down the hill, walking fast. He tramped at her side, with his hands in his pockets and head bent.

"May I tell you what I know of Signor

Magatti?" he asked.

"No, thank you," she said, timidly. "Don't see him any more, Miss Errol,"

he said. "I have nothing to gain by telling you this."

"You meant to be kind, I'm sure," she answered faintly. "I am not going to marry him. I am quite sure of that. I

am sorry I was rude."

"Oh, my dear, it isn't a question of kindness or rudeness. He is not worthy of you, and I can't bear to see you with him," he said in desperate appeal. "In one way, I suppose I am not much better than Magatti, but at least you are safe with me. I am an idler, but I have no

designs on you."

"Yes, I always feel safe with you," she answered, still walking swiftly. "I would like to explain. I have never seen Signor Magatti alone but once. There were always other people in the room. It was the night you must have seen us. I sent him word that I would not see him. I thought he had gone, and I came to my window and he was underneath. He asked me to come down on the terrace, and I came."

"Why?" Lindsay asked gently.

"I suppose I was lonely.

They came to a spot in the road where the mountain sloped abruptly with a steep pitch below. The road-wall was low here on the side overlooking Florence. Lindsay stopped and put one foot on the low wall and rested his elbow on his knee, his hand supporting his chin. She glanced at him and took a seat on the wall a few paces away, her eyes on Florence.

"Behold the city of inexplicable enchantment," he said. "I ought to go, too. And if I stay here much longer I shall never go. I shall stay here and despise myself for it all my life, a coward skulking from the fight. Will you go and join Mrs.

Harper, Miss Errol?"

"Yes. I will go if you think best," she answered. "I will go to-morrow. I can pack my boxes to-night."

She drew little figures with the point of her parasol in the dust.

"I got to know Miss Clarkson rather well," she said after a pause.

Lindsay turned his eyes abruptly toward her.

"Did she tell you that I was once engaged to her?"

She nodded.

"Did she tell you that I was a futility?"

"I don't think I understood her," she said after some hesitation. "She said you were engaged, and she seemed to me fond of you, and her father was a rich man. I couldn't understand why you didn't marry, and, of course, I couldn't ask."

"I should like to tell you, if you would

care to hear."

"I should. Please!" she said.

"In America," he said, "girls are raised in great luxury, many of them beyond their parents' circumstances, but when a girl marries she comes empty-handed. The theory is that any one who aspires to marry her should be able to support her unassisted. It used not to be so difficult because our wants were simpler, and in the early days of America it was easier to provide the wherewithal. I aspired to Miss Clarkson. I had no inherited wealth. It seems impossible now, but I suppose I was in love with her. She did not expect to marry where her father and mother began-he was a lumberman, I believe, at a dollar a day, once-but where they left off, in the cant phrase. Miss Clarkson expected to leave her father's house for one of my providing, approximately as well fashioned. If I remember rightly, she stipulated the neighborhood. In the absence of inherited wealth we have one standard at home to measure the acceptability of a lover, the worth of a husband, the virtue of a fatherhis earning capacity. I tried to spurt. You see, I wanted to prove that I could do as others had done and were doing. One day I discovered it wasn't worth it. I was getting nothing out of life that I wanted. I had not the slightest wish to provide Miss Clarkson with a suitable home or to hear how successful others of her friends were. I am free, white and twenty-one; a good deal more than twenty-one. No scheme of things or no man is my master. I am responsible to nobody or for nobody. I said a few moments ago I should go back to America. I shall not. I shall stay here."

"I am sorry," she said.
"Why, Miss Errol?"

"Because your staying here is a mistake. I don't think I can explain it. I am not very clever."

"I shall stay here at least until you come back. You said you always came back

to Italy."

"That would be very silly of you, don't you think?" she said, smiling. "This isn't your life, is it? You must miss the

hunting and shooting."

"By Jove," he said slowly. "I always think of America as that beastly grind in cities. I have a plantation which my father left me, but going there is not getting on. I should be just as flat a failure there as I am here."

"You do not seem to me a failure, as you call it," she said, regarding him with a smile. "But I always forget. The American idea is not to live happily. It is to die rich, isn't it? How funny!"

"The standards of American life have been set by the women. They wish to dazzle their friends, to outshine their neighbors, to kindle envy in all beholders. You see them all over the Continent. Their husbands are at home at work. The curious thing about it is that they accept the order of things without protest."

"Englishmen are much more selfish,"

she said.

"What does the American husband get out of it? He lives in the reflected glory of his wife and daughters, I suppose, poor devil."

"And yet," she said, still smiling, "you are an American, and you want success, don't you? You are not quite Italian,

are you?"

"I do, awfully," he admitted. "It's traditional. Nothing else takes its place. But there was left out of me the ability to make riches."

"Is there no other kind of success?" she asked.

He did not answer her, and for some time neither spoke. He did not look at her, and several times when she raised her eyes she saw him still in the same rigid attitude, his eyes on Florence, his arms tightly folded across his chest.

"It is really late," she said at last. "Don't you think we would better go?"

"To-morrow, at this time, you will not be here," he said. "You are going East, and presently I shall go West. If I were younger and had not tried it before, I should be urging you to come West with me. I love you, and you would be patient with me. But I cannot ask you to tie to a futility. As Miss Clarkson said, a girl must look ahead when she marries. Marriage is a practical contract."

She made no answer, and for several minutes he seemed unaware of her presence. They walked the rest of the way

home in silence.

Lindsay was pacing up and down in the lower hall of the *pension* that night, when Miss Craven, who had limped halfway down the stairs with her cane, called to him.

"Will you come to my room?" she said.

He helped her up the stairs.

"Helen Errol says she is going to Calcutta," she said when she had urged him to light his cigarette. "No, really, I like smoke and men must be comfortable to be happy. There is some Certosa on the shelf, and glasses. Why is she going? Have you two quarreled? You will think me very inquisitive, but I am fond of her."

"She is going to meet a friend in Calcutta, a Mrs. Harper," Lindsay answered, offering the old lady a glass of the liqueur.

She looked fixedly at his back as he stood staring out of the window.

"I don't believe I understand young people," she said. "I thought you cared for her."

"I do," he answered, without turning.
"She has some money—a little," Miss
Craven began.

"I am not an adventurer," Lindsay said.

"Do you think I would permit you to be here if I thought you were?" Miss Craven demanded with some asperity.

Lindsay came out with his history bluntly.

"You mean," she said when he had finished, "that you haven't a large income.

But she has enough for herself, and more. I know just what she has. You see, we English are a lot more practical than you Americans. All English girls bring something when they marry. Some of the most charming Englishmen I know have very little, and could not have afforded to marry but for what the wife brought. You would do what you could, I am sure." Lindsay's face was expressionless.

"You are very silly," she said with a sigh. "Mark my words, she doesn't

understand you."

"An American girl would think—" he

"How tiresome you are! She is English."

"I cannot make you understand," he said, rising.

"I think you are the stupidest man I ever knew, and I have known lots of stupid Englishmen," she answered indignantly.

It so happened that Miss Errol's boxes would not hold her belongings.

"I seem to accumulate as I go on," she said laughingly, over her coffee and roll. "I have luggage in London, Paris and Yokohama."

He attended her while she made her purchases, and afterward she consented to a drive with him to the Cascine. He realized how great a concession to his wishes this was.

"I don't want you to go away without fully understanding me," he said as they drove down the shaded avenue. It was a most unfashionable hour, and they had the great park almost to themselves. "If I had not tried it before, I should beg you to wait until I could do great things, but great things take a long time doing, and you would be tired waiting. Besides, to speak very honestly, one needs a great faith in one's self, and I have no great faith. But I have at last decided to go back."

"I don't see why you should go back and do something you don't want to," she answered quickly. "I shouldn't, if I liked staying on. I stay abroad because I have no choice. I have no home, and it is less tiresome than living in one place in England."

He had thought to speak of things in a

matter-of-fact tone, and not let his words betray his feelings, but at the thought of her wandering alone around the world, he said with an emotion which he could not hide, "I cannot bear to think of your going."

"Then why do you send me away?"

she said gently.

"I don't know. It seemed best," he answered.

"You degrade me," she answered with rising color. "I am not Miss Clarkson. Are you amusing yourself?"

He caught his breath in bewilderment. "No," he cried. "Heavens! No, child."

"It is insulting, just the same, to be classed with a mercenary little doll, who is not even a lady," she said.

"Would you marry a man like me and come and live on a Virginia farm?" he questioned.

"I would," she answered.

"Do you think I might lean over and kiss you? They are used to such things in Italy. They would only think we were Germans."

"No!" she answered decidedly, shaking her head.

"I am a blind idiot, Helen."

"There are none so blind as those who will not see."

They were returning by the Lung' Arno, and at the Ponte Alla Carraia their way was blocked by a string of country-carts taking flying starts to mount the rise of the bridge.

"We are in no hurry, Helen," Lindsay said in great contentment. "You must not think I shall be any longer the idler you have known, but life no longer seems a straining and a striving and an ending in nothing. Whatever I do, I shall find pleasure in it."

"I should think you would hate me for being so horribly practical," she answered. "I don't see how I did it. If I had not known about you and Miss Clarkson I should not have understood you at all. I saw no harm in your being abroad, even if you were not rich. Of course, if I did not have any money we could not marry." She blushed and looked timidly at him, but his eyes were on her lovingly.

"Go on, dear," he said.

"I couldn't do anything impossible like washing or sewing. I don't know how. But I can cook rather well, and you said you were born in the country, and so I didn't see——" She faltered and looked away.

"Didn't see what, Helen?"

"Didn't see," she went on desperately, "why you didn't ask me if you wanted me. You knew we had enough to get on, didn't you? I was almost gone."

"I shudder when I think how nearly

gone you were," he said.

It was on the wall by the Franciscan monastery at Fiesole that he had found her that memorable afternoon, and they came back to the spot a few days afterward.

"I never thought to marry an American," she said irrelevantly. "I am not used to men who think they must do things and make money. Most of my friends would much rather play. It doesn't seem so important to me that you must do something, but I shall be awfully interested. You will be happier if you have succeeded, as you call it, and so I want you to succeed."

"I am quite happy now. You mustn't

think I am not."

"Oh, yes, I am sure you are. We are not pretending, are we? Now we will go and be Virginian farmers, and I shall have a nice garden, and some day we will come back to Italy together. I think life looks very nice. My own, aren't you, dear?" "A poor thing, but your own."

"You are not a scrap humble, really, you know." I have never had anybody really mine. My mother died when I was born, and my father always belonged to my stepmother. I thought I should always live like poor Miss Craven and never have a home."

"Where is your home now, Helen?"
"Here," she said, and she put her hand in his. "Sono contentissima, io."

Paquita

BY ROBERT AITKEN

Peter Dunn—and Paquita! Who'd ever ha' thought it?

But there the entry stands in the unclerkly handwriting of Roque Perez, lord of the Little Sea:

"Dunn, Pedro . . inglés . . 25 años . . soltero "Perez, Francisca . . orientál . . 17 años . . soltera,"

and it is attested by the signs manual of Johnny Gordon of the Parrot *estancia* and Pat Heron of Las Garzas, neither of whom would sit down deliberately to foul pure paper with fiction.

'Tis a fact then on the face of it—and it fell out thus:

Peter Dunn of the Papagayo estancia

sat up suddenly:
"I am in a sweat!" said he, mopping

his streaming face with the selvedge of the rough blanket that covered him.

He yawned, most cavernously,

He yawned, most cavernously, stretched himself, and, with a supreme exertion of will power, thrust one foot forth floorwards; it descended upon a cold, soft, clammy body by the bedside, and Peter jerked it suddenly back again, tucking it underneath him in tailorwise with a shudder of disgust.

"The devil!" he ejaculated fervently, and peered, with due precaution, over the edge of the canvas stretcher which served him indifferently for bed and board.

A big bath-sponge, soaking wet, lay in a yellow puddle upon the cracked clay with which his abode was liberally floored.

"The devil!" said Peter for the second time, and sprang out of bed, wide awake, without further ado.

He slipped his feet into a pair of ragged alpargatas, and stepped judiciously out into the early sunshine. A cloud of dust in the distance caught his roving glance, the quick drum of hoofs fell upon his ear, and he grinned ungracefully.

"The little devil!" said he, and reëntered his habitation.

A very few short minutes sufficed for the manifold purposes of shaving, sluicing, and slipping into breeches and boots; a pink silk shirt and a wideawake served as top-dressing, and Mr. Dunn, snatching an odd pair of spurs from a nail on the wall, sallied forth to his work, clothed, in his right mind.

"But what a head!" he groaned to himself by the way, the aftertaste of last night's festivities as ashes in his mouth.

Head or no head, however, he had to ride the boundaries of the Papagayo before breakfast; that was the precise purpose of his presence in the solitary hut at the far corner of Johnny Gordon's great demesne, and he knew better than to shirk any single league of fencing in the process. Once, and once only, had he been guilty of such neglect of duty, and, upon that unfortunate occasion, ten thousand pounds' worth of his employer's fat export stock had slipped through a tiny gap in the wires into the Rincon de Perez, whence they were only recovered after six of the best bullocks had disappeared permanently. Peter had promptly tendered his resignation and the whole of his worldly wealth as some offset to the loss incurred, but Johnny had thanked him courteously and refused both, although the latter might, under favorable auspices, have amounted to as much as ten pounds sterling. He was proportionately grateful. "Rippin' chap, Johnny!" he announced to all and sundry, and no one disagreed with him. "I'll ride the fences like a shillin' angel henceforth an' forever, amen," he said to himself privately, making no reservation in favor of thirst, as an older and wiser man might.

"A ver el picazo, Manuelito—y ligero!" called Peter angrily as a sleepy peon sauntered across to the corral before him. "Let's have the blooming pony, you Dago orphan, or I'll——"

Manuel backed the tricky little mustang into a corner of the enclosure, slipped a headstall over its uplifted nose, looped a thick snaffle into place, and led forth his master's mount with virtuous haste.

"Good day, Don Pedro," said he, un



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" Paquita."

necessarily breathless. "How does it go? Have you slept well?"

"Saddle!" said Peter with emphasis, and Manuel cinched up the blown-out steed in silence.

Peter threw himself across its back and cantered off. The peon lit a cigarette, and thanked God piously between puffs that his patron was once more safely disposed of. He drew a small weekly wage for the supposititious awakening of the Englishman at dawn, for the theoretical provision of hot shaving-water and early morning coffee thereafter, for the unperformed duty of rubbing down his employer's pony previous to presenting it, encaparisoned, at the door of Peter's hut, and he would have been loth to lose his sinecure.

"I'll sack that brute," Mr. Dunn was grumbling to himself for the fiftieth time as he jogged along his fences; "he hasn't wakened me once this week. I'd be sleeping still if Paquita hadn't been passing, and I haven't had a cup of coffee for months, although I've got a mouth like—— Hello! Here's Heron."

"Mornin', Peter," shouted the advancing horseman gleefully, "how does your

hat fit?"

"Like a mustard plaster!" Peter explained in a grievous voice as he reined in on his own side of the fence. "That last go of cocktails fairly floored me. I'd give two legs and an arm for a squencher! Got anything about you?"

"Divil the drop," said Pat Heron dolefully. "Let's toddle over to the Corner and get something to cool our mouths. Got any ready? I'm broke to the wide!"

Peter thrust a hand into his breechespocket, and dragged out several dirty bills, which he proceeded to tell over carefully.

"Fifty — seventy — one-twenty — oneforty—one-forty-five," he counted, and Heron looked relieved.

"You're a regular paper-mine," cried that impecunious individual. "I wonder you feel safe sleeping alone with all that wealth in the house!"

"One dollar forty-five," Peter mumbled.
"About one-an'-ninepence. That'll pay for two goes of neckwash at any rate."

"Come on, then," implored Mr. Heron. "It'll be dark before you've finished

figurin' it all out. Hang your hat on the fence and put your pony at it. That chap jumps wire, doesn't he?"

"F course he does," Peter returned indignantly, and wheeled for the leap. Then his face fell. "No," he said suddenly, "I won't. Here—take the cash, and liquidate it yourself. I've got to get round these blasted fences before breakfast."

"What rot!" cried Heron crossly.
"Don't be an owl. I've just come down
the Rincon and your wire's all standing.
No one about but Pepe Garçao, and he
won't try any tricks just at present."

"Paquita was over at my hut this morning," Mr. Dunn observed inconsequently. "She dropped a wet sponge down my neck, or I'd be sound asleep still."

"That's all right then," returned Pat Heron cheerfully. "Your fences are safe enough as long as she's about. Jump, man—jump!"

Peter jumped.

"Donde vas con manton de Manila?

"Donde vas con vestido Chiné?" sang Paquita Perez, riding through the sunshine. Her black eyes sparkled as she sang, and her face, the delicate, oval face of a child Madonna, was incongruously full of roguish satisfaction.

"I 'ave awake' my frien' Peetar!' she ceased singing to remark. "The English 'e is awake to say—Oh, dash it all, don' you know, w'at!"

She laughed aloud over this imperfect parody of Mr. Dunn's morning orisons, and, shaking up the blood mare she was riding, fell a-singing again.

The dew was not yet dry on the grass, but the mare kicked up the under-dust as she stretched out into a gallop. A barbed-wire fence rose in her path and she steadied down obediently, taking it like any furze-filled posts and rails, lifting her mistress easily over out of Johnny Gordon's Papagayo estancia into the Rincon de Perez, her birthplace.

"Thanks, little sister," said Paquita softly, patting the glossy neck before her, "thou hast saved me from the wrath. Now we may go more slowly."

The Perez property bites in between the Papagayo and Las Garzas in a V

shaped wedge. In the center of that wedge, midway between the fences of its two English neighbors, lies a lagoon, overhung by willows, cool and pleasant and restful in the heat of summer. Thither the girl bent her way.

A low whinnying sounded from among the trees as she rode forward, and the mare, tossing her head, called back an answer. Her mistress pulled lightly on the curb as if minded to stop her, but in a moment the reins fell slack again and she cantered on. "Pouf!" said Paquita with a grimace, "'tis only Pepe."

Pepe grinned to himself as he watched his cousin coming. She was very desirable, and he had long desired her in vain, for old Uncle Perez could not be brought to coerce his only child into a marriage that was distasteful to her. Now, it seemed to Pepe, he might make terms with old Uncle Perez, the wicked and wealthy.

Paquita was aware of the grin, and the fashion of her countenance changed. She had little liking for the half-bred native who swaggered over towards her, spurs clattering at his high heels, knife and revolver glittering at his belt in the sun. He might have made a hero, she thought scornfully, to a woman of his own class, but to her he was merely the braggart bravo he appeared. Paquita's mother had been a Spanish lady, Pepe's an Indian woman of the tolderias.

She nodded slightly in response to his greeting, and, slipping from her saddle, led her mare to the water's edge. He scowled as she turned her shoulder to him.

"I saw you this morning" he said

"I saw you this morning," he said sharply, and she faced about, defiant.

"Well?' she asked.

He was somewhat staggered by her coolness. "What if I tell your father?" he asked loweringly. "Tio Perez would not like to hear that his daughter was caught coming from the Englishman's doorway at daybreak!"

The girl looked him up and down with calm eyes. "Truly, Pepe," she said, "thy wooing might win thee a more worthy bride than I!"

His face fell. "See here, Paquita," he questioned roughly, "wilt marry me? Say 'yes,' and I am silent."

"Help me to my saddle," she ordered, as one would address a servant, and he lifted her willingly, his fingers lingering lovingly about her trim ankles till she kicked them free.

She would have ridden off but that he, like any fool, held fast by her bridle. "Shall I tell—or no?" he asked again. "Wilt thou be my wife—or the Englishman's mistress?"

A cut across the face was the most natural answer to such a query, and, as he staggered back blindly, the mare, her head free, sprang forward. A less practiced rider might have fallen, but Paquita had her fretful steed under control, and was off at a gallop almost before the other had realized his plight.

He stayed to examine his appearance in the pocket-mirror which formed part of his equipment, and, at sight of the weal across his countenance, fell to cursing filthily. He flung himself into his own saddle, half-minded to pursue the girl, fingered knife and revolver with fell intent, and finally threw himself, face downwards, upon the dry ground, weeping bitterly, calling upon his gods.

Roque Perez lives, far from his neighbors, in a loop-holed building set upon a low bluff that overlooks the Little Sea. At times his house stands upon an island, and, again, upon a peninsula. In the island season his neighbors lose many cattle

Then they speak bitterly of Uncle Perez, proclaiming him a rascal, alleging that he is given to cutting wires in the dark, to faring forth from his fastness, once the hue and cry is over, with other men's goods for sale. Uncle Perez is very wealthy, but his own fencing is that of a poor man, and there are many hiding-places along the uncertain shores of the Little Sea. He hears all complaints courteously, and at times authorizes the searching of his property high and low for missing stock, but such search is always fruitless. Then Uncle Perez winks placidly towards Pepe Garçao, his dead brother's son, and places meat and drink before the searchers, bidding them note the extraordinary tenderness of the steaks supposed to have been cut from his own tough native cattle.

A humorous rascal this Uncle Perez, and greatly daring, very jovial after a successful foray, very terrible also in wrath, save only to Paquita, his daughter,

who could do no wrong.

To him, then, came Pepe Garçao, trembling, a scar across his face, with a story that set him raving starkly. "From the Englishman's hut—at dawn—struck you because you warned her! By God, lad, if the tale be of thine own making thou shalt rue it bitterly. Where is the girl? In hiding! Thou liest, Indian dog! Get hence and wait without. Paquita! Paquita!"

Pepe slunk away, desperately terrified by the tempest he had called up, and wondering on whom its weight would fall; he knew that if his cousin gave her word that his story was false the Rincon de Perez would no longer be a safe abidingplace for him, and, going forth, saddled himself a fresh horse against contin-

gencies.

He lounged about the courtyard until Paquita rode in, fresh and unconcerned. She would have passed him, but he caught her roughly by the shoulder. "He knows all," he said nervously. "You are to go to him, and, remember, I have spoken the truth."

"Brave man!" answered Paquita, and went on her way, her slender, womanly figure erect, her proud little head well back—and sick fear in her heart for the

first time in her life.

Pat Heron and his confederate made a fast league of it to the Corner, and reined up before the tumble-down mud building wherein were to be obtained, at extreme prices, all the necessaries of life from a cradle to a coffin, in time to join in the chorus of a scandalous ditty sung with great fervor by the survivors of the overnight's occasion. All the younger Englishmen of the Little Sea were gathered together there that morning, and their thirst was like the sands of the Sahara.

The song sung, shouts of welcome greeted the new-comers, who, however, postponed acknowledging these in favor of the more pressing need of instant

refreshment.

"Ajenjo-dos," commanded Peter the

capitalist, elbowing his way through the press towards the iron grille behind which sat the proprietor of the den, bottles, knife and revolver all within reaching distance. "Splash 'em out quick, Whiskers—we're most uncommon dry."

"The cash?" enquired Whiskers dryly, and Peter tossed him a fifty-cent note

with a curse.

He poured out two minute doses of absinthe, dripped water from a skin bottle slowly into each, and pushed the opalescent results towards his aggravated customers, who thrust eager hands between the bars of his stronghold, seizing the thick-stemmed glasses and drinking off their insufficient contents at a gulp.

"Two more," Peter ordered, "an' don't cry into the glasses or you'll wet 'em!"

"Drink up, Peter, and pipe us a stave," cried the company, and Peter, nothing loth, obeyed, making melody, after he had drunk, to the effect that he was a big, black wolf from Bitter Creek, and that, consequently, it was his night to howl.

He howled, the audience howled, the dogs without howled, until they could howl no longer, whereupon a unanimous vote of thanks was awarded him by the time-honored method of beating upon tables, benches, walls, and windows in such wise as to produce the greatest volume of sound with the least effort.

Much howling makes thirst, and more absinthe was called for, on the plea that it, of all liquors, is the most refreshing to husky throats. Then there was more music. One man sang, another danced, some did neither and some both, but, in any case, a good hour passed unheeded.

Pat Heron was in the midst of a pathetic solo, his own composition, when a still small voice from the doorway piped shrilly, "The fence is down between the Rincon and Don Juancito Gordon's!"

Peter Dunn's face was the color of chalk, and Heron's scarlet with shame as the two rushed forth for their ponies, followed by every Englishman present. Neither uttered a word. The clatter of many hoofs filled the air, and they knew that there were good men at their backs, but they knew also that, if they could reach the break in the fence before the



"The whole herd passed through into the Rincon de Perez."

cattle, there would be no need for these. They raced across the plain side by side, crouching in their saddles, urging the willing ponies to their utmost speed.

Heron's mount stumbled bizcachera and turned heads over heels in the air, but he threw himself clear with gaucho cunning and was in the saddle again, sore and shaking, before the last of the followers had galloped past him.

It happened thus that Peter held the lead by half a mile and was the first to sight the distant herd of the Papagayo trotting slowly along the fences behind a big half-bred Durham, the most notorious breaker of bounds within the Partido: and, far away on the slope, he was aware of a tiny figure moving towards the same objective as himself.

He spurred his sweating pony to greater effort, praying that he might reach the gap before the cattle should find it, but his heart sank as he saw that they had freshened their pace also and were heading for a point much nearer to the approaching stranger than to himself. He looked long and earnestly at the oncomer, wondering whether he would be man enough to head them off until he, Peter, should be able to reach them with his stock-whip, and the flutter of a skirt caught his eye.

He groaned aloud. "It's only Paquita after all," he thought very disconsolately,

and rode his hardest.

The big Durham was tossing his head in the distance. Peter saw the gap, still far away, and knew that the cattle had picked it out also. He set his teeth and worked his pony mercilessly, but they were close to the broken wires long before he could reach them-almost too late, though, to win through, for there was a woman in their way, a woman upon a frantic blood mare which reared and plunged most desperately as she urged it against their thunderous oncome.

Peter gasped sickly as he saw her danger, and gave a great gulp of relief when the mare, mad with terror, spun round upon its heels and bolted wildly. But when he saw its rider fall, a sudden mist fell across his vision and he swayed in his saddle at the imminent peril of his neck.

behind their self-appointed leader, and halted, bellowing, a few yards from the The gap was there, as they had gathered from a great distance, and they very greatly desired to pass through it towards the lush lagoon beyond; but the slight figure which had fallen from the saddle was afoot again and running back towards them, crying out against their It achieved the opening, and stood

The cattle came on, more slowly,

there, breathlessly determined, while Peter Dunn, the Englishman, their proper guardian, was yet some distance from

The restless Durham lowered his head and roared wickedly. His satellites answered him as he wished, and he trotted forward, his tail up, his head between his knees.

The whole herd passed through into the Rincon de Perez, but the trifling delay proved fatal to their plans. They were promptly rounded up by a half-circle of terribly angry Englishmen, and driven ignominiously back into their proper place, sorely belabored, after the broken bodies of the man and woman who had withstood them had been carried to one

Then a couple of men galloped wildly over to Peter's rancho, returning therefrom with a hingeless door, while others rode away swiftly to bring back such aid as might be obtainable within the borders of the Little Sea.

Roque Perez was warned, and strode into Peter's hut within the hour to find his daughter lying at death's door. Peter himself was stretched, unconscious, under a rude awning without, and there were women folk with both.

Mrs. Johnny was there as well as her husband, and, before them, the old freebooter was dumb, but he spoke freely enough amongst his equals, the blackbrowed, soft-spoken sons of the soil who had gathered from afar at word of the mishap to the Pearl of the Little Sea.

"Living or dead," he said, his mouth set and stern, "she will be carried to church on Sunday, and Pepe may have her

if he will."

This strange saying flew down the wind, and it was shortly rumored throughout the Republic that Roque Perez was mad.

Mad or sane, however, he stayed beside his daughter until the English doctor, fetched from afar at great cost, told him that she would live. Then he went back to his house, leaving her with the women.

Neither she nor Peter could be moved at the moment. Both had been terribly trampled by the cattle in their wild attempt to stem the rush, but Peter had suffered most severely, since he had thrown himself across the girl's prostrate body as he fell. He was in great pain, satisfied that every bone in his body was broken, all the spirit crushed out of him. Paquita's injuries were less serious, but she was sadly torn about the face.

Sunday morning broke very softly upon the Little Sea, but Peter, lying under his blankets in the lee of the hut, was awake before the sun. He felt fresher, and was even tempted to move his limbs slightly, vastly surprised to find them movable, with the exception of his left arm, which was strapped tightly into splints.

He lay musing for a space, until, rendered restless by the unusual bustle within his abode, he made shift to summon one of the women camped about the place for nursing purposes.

"Que pasa adentro?" he asked fretfully. "What's going on inside?"

"It is that we are robing the little lady for her wedding, Don Pedro," she answered soothingly. "She will soon be

ready and Don Roque comes for her at

Peter Dunn sat straight up, gasping. "What?" he shouted, and Paquita, within, smiled wanly at the sound of his voice. It was such an honest voice, she thought vaguely, and she liked the ring of it, for she thought much of honesty, this daughter of a cattle thief and a dame of Leon.

She herself had been honest, at great cost. She plucked with trembling fingers at the silken folds of her wedding-dress, as she remembered the words her father had spoken when she had told him fear-lessly that Pepe's story was true—insofar

as it went. More than that he had refused to hear, and the price of all was to be paid this morning within the four walls of Saint Felicity. Ay de mit It is ill to be sore of heart at seventeen!

Pat Heron, riding up to Mr. Dunn's abode shortly after sunrise, was smitten with amazement on seeing that precocious invalid balancing himself precariously against an immature paraiso tree, and pulling on a pair of white drill breeches with his only available hand.

"Mother of Moses, Peter," he exclaimed with friendly frankness, "you

must be mad!"

"Shut your head," requested Mr. Dunn, "and haul in the slack. That's right—now lace 'em up at the knees. Strop that razor. Where's the soap? No, cold water'll do. Hang the mirror on that nail, so. Boots? Oh, yes—stick 'em on. Steady, you silly owl, or I'll be chopping my chin off. Gimme a clean shirt. No, a white one—that box under the tree—and a scarf. Here, tie this—that's right. Now tell Manuel to saddle the bay, and see if you can sneak a peg of rum from that infernal woman with the green turban—she's in charge of the stores."

Pat carried out all his orders with great meekness, well pleased that his friend should be once more afoot, and Peter, fortified by the natural medicine he had prescribed for himself, proceeded to

unfold a tale of woe.

"He beat her—damn him," said he, "because she had looked into my hut to wake me. Pepe Garçao told him he had seen her in the doorway, and he would hear no explanation. She had struck her cousin across the face because he insulted her about it, and the son of a dog cut the wires on his way home. I'll cut his—— Pat, will you help me? I've only one arm and she's to be married this morning."

As soon as Paquita was dressed for the sacrifice, Peter's gossip once more bethought herself of her charge without, and strolled round to the back of the hut with a cup of coffee for that sufferer. Her howl of dismay when she found his sick-bed untenanted brought other curious women to her side, and many conjectures

were hazarded as to the nature of the mysterious power which had spirited him away. The most generally accepted of these was that of an obese and elderly female who expressed herself pessimistically anent the undoubted liability of all Englishmen to Satanic influences. Manuel's curt statement that Don Pedro had merely ridden off with his friend Heron and a bottle of rum was received with universal derision.

"He ride!" said the crone sneeringly.
"By the mercy of Mary he may walk—with crutches—to the graveyard. I have seen the wounds, Don Manuel, and you may sell his saddle to pay the priest."

Manuel had no breath to waste on old women, and sucked his cigarette with philosophic calm until one or two of the most forward began to finger the property of the departed Englishman. Then he took such part in the proceedings as made him most unpopular, and the gathering fled.

At the hour appointed, Roque Perez drove his famous galloping four in-hand up to the door of the hut, and the bride-to-be was carried out, feet foremost, swathed in soft wrappings, to be laid at his feet. Then he went on his way, more slowly, while the women followed on foot.

There was a great concourse at High Mass within the strait and narrow walls of Santa Felicita that morning, but the heart of the good father there was troubled rather than uplifted thereby, for he knew the sad story of the week. He spoke eloquently to his parishioners concerning the divinity of mercy, but they listened with deaf ears until there was a rattle of wheels without, when they rose and retired in a body, crossing themselves perfunctorily at the font as they passed.

Roque Perez confronted the crowd on the steps boldly, and it opened before him as he strode up, his daughter in his arms, closing in again as he paused at the church door. "Canst walk?" he asked sternly, and set his burden down.

A sudden shiver passed through the assemblage. A slow, sibilant indrawing of the breath sounded amidst the silence like a rising wind as the girl, facing about, threw back her heavy veil and

looked down upon the staring faces before her. She was masked in white linen from brow to bosom, and, but for the two piteous eyes behind the specterlike windows of her covering, might have been a corpse.

Her father drew one of her arms through his and led her in. The spectators sighed relievedly and followed, at a respectful distance, and the priest moved forward to the altar as the old man and his daughter knelt together before it. The scanty choir broke into singing behind their screen, the boys' voices sounding sweetly in the dim coolness of the little church, and curious folk began to turn their heads towards the door again for the coming of the bridegroom.

The minutes passed and the masked bride still knelt in prayer, heedless of the whispering behind her. Her father was on his feet, erect, rigid, the veins upon his forehead throbbing visibly. Once he laid his left hand upon the butt of a revolver that hung at his hip, but a mild glance from the priest reproved such open avowal of his impulse, and he dropped it to his side again sullenly.

Vague rumors circulated amongst the congregation. Pepe was sick—or sorry. Pepe had been poisoned by some creature of Paquita's. Pepe had fallen, in his haste to the wedding, and broken his neck. Pepe had been locked up by the new policeman, who was not aware of his hereditary immunity from justice. But the most general opinion was that Pepe might be well rid of his bargain—one does not desire to see a masked bride twice in a lifetime, and the hint of horrors concealed might daunt the bravest lover.

Roque Perez turned on his heel and the buzz of conversation died down with surprising suddenness. A tense, expectant silence overhung the crowded church as the singing ceased, and all eyes, save those behind the mask, followed the old man as he strode to the open door, his great silver spurs jangling angrily upon the flags, his face working.

He stood, bareheaded, in the sunshine, shading his eyes with a quivering hand, scanning the open plain to the horizon. Then he looked back into the church, still scowling, but less fiercely.

"He comes," said Roque Perez to the priest, as if they two and the girl had been alone in the building.

There was no more whispering.

It seemed after all that Pepe must have been sick, for of the two tiny figures cantering out of the distance towards the church of Saint Felicity one swaved in the saddle from time to time and had to be supported by the other, so that they came slowly. Roque Perez, as well as such of the waiting throng as could see past him through the doorway, had therefore plenty of time to realize that the two travelers were not, as had been supposed, Pepe Garçao and his best man, but a certain Mr. Peter Dunn, boundary-rider on the Papagayo estancia, and his lighthearted friend, Mr. Heron of Las Garzas.

What Uncle Perez might do under such peculiarly aggravating circumstances no man or woman dared surmise, and there was no breath drawn within the church as the bold Peter, tumbling breathlessly out of his saddle, staggered up the steps and held out to the apoplectic watcher there a somewhat dirty scrap of

paper.

The thread of Mr. Dunn's existence might have been cut there and then had not that gentleman, with inconceivable aplomb, continued his erratic progress as far as the steps of the altar, where, in the sight of all men, he knelt down reverently beside the bride, leaving the terrible old man in the background to make the most he might of a note, signed by Pepe Garçao, to this effect:

"It was a lie, and I will not marry your

daughter, but this man will."

"Shall I proceed?" asked the voice of the priest from within, and the words sounded strange and far-off to the man in the doorway. He waved his hand. "Go on," said he chokingly, and tiptoed back to his place. As soon as his back was turned Pat Heron came round the corner and went up the steps also.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, duly united in the holy bonds of matrimony, were the recipients of many good wishes as they stepped out into the sunshine again, arm in arm. Even the ghostly mask that the bride still wore seemed to have lost all its terrors since she had learned to smile through it, and it has long been an established fact that no more romanticlooking couple ever has trod or will tread

the steps of Saint Felicity.

Roque Perez, his part played, followed the newly-married pair like any tame sheep. The superstructure of his plans had tumbled about his ears, and he was still stunned by the crash. He therefore stepped forward meekly when his son-inlaw beckoned to him before all the people, and stepped aside with that worthy as if he liked it, leaving the bride to kiss as many other women as she could, pending her husband's return.

"I ask a gift, Don Roque." said Peter bluntly, and the old man nodded.

"You have given me back my daughter," he answered, "and all that I have is

"Word of an Englishman?" asked Peter doubtfully.

"Word of an Englishman," Uncle Perez assented solemnly.

"Then you won't kill Pepe-I ask his

life," said Peter Dunn quickly.

Sudden anger blazed forth in the other's "You seek to trick me," he said hoarsely. "I will surely plaster the doorsteps with his brains against your homecoming-the man who stole from your wife her honor."

"You beat Paquita," Peter asserted.

"I beat her, cruelly, God help me," said Roque Perez simply, "and for that alone I would have the life of him whose lying led me to it."

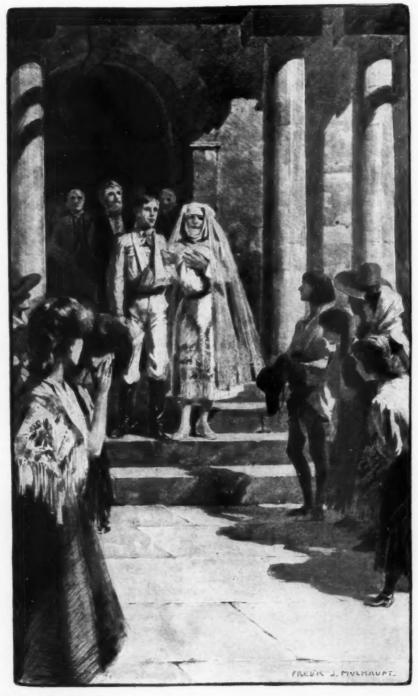
"She asks this wedding-gift of you," Peter urged desperately. "A worthless life is no great guerdon. I too ask it and I have your word, word of an Englishman: I am an Englishman."

"All Englishmen are fools," replied the old man, smiling drearily, "and I too am a fool, for I will keep my promise. His life is safe-from me."

"You're a brick," said Mr. Dunn warmly, "and I'll shake hands with you if you won't squeeze too hard."

He went back to his wife, his face beaming, and she laid her hand upon his arm happily, seeing that all was well.

"Come on," he cried, and the two stepped forward lamely.



DRAWN BY FREDERICK J. MULHAUPT

"They stepped out into the sunshine, arm in arm."

"Hold hard, idiot," cautioned Pat Heron at his elbow. "Where are you going?"

"God bless my soul," said Peter blankly, "I never thought o' that!" He scratched his head, in evident confusion.

"We'll have to put up with the hut," he announced at length, "until I can raise something better."

"Ass!" retorted Mr. Heron angrily. "Wait here for a bit, and I'll have my trap over in next to no time. You'll go to Las Garzas."

"Thanks, old chap," Peter agreed.
"I'll do the same for you some day."

Heron was already in the saddle when Roque Perez hailed him in a stentorian voice. "Whither away, Don Patricio?" he shouted, and Pat turned his pony to explain.

The old man pulled him to the ground. "House me no houses," said he. "My daughter's home stands by the Little Sea—not in the dry lands of Las Garzas. There is also meat and wine therein—tender meat and wine of the oldest—and after we have eaten and drunk, you and I and the others, there are accounts to be settled between us. I am in debt, Don Patricio, and I pay to-day."

The galloping four-in-hand made the pace to the Rincon de Perez, and it had

a long following. No man or woman who could sit upright but broke bread that day with the lord of the Little Sea. And we need not follow their fortunes beyond the lagoon in the corner between the fences of the Papagayo and Las Garzas, whereby Uncle Perez pulled up with a stifled oath at sight of two men who lay slumbering by the roadside under the shade of the willows.

Their mouths were very wide open, their eyes very tightly shut, and between the two stood a black bottle, empty, bearing this word upon a gaudy wrapper about its middle: "Rum."

Uncle Perez handed the reins to Pat Heron without a word, and descended from his perch swiftly.

"Word of an Englishman!" said Peter warningly, and his father in-law grunted, handing into his new relative's keeping the knife and revolver from his belt, descending upon the sleepers with a stout whip only.

Ére he had fully achieved his purposes the sleepers were far away, running rapidly, and Peter was burying with the toe of his boot in the soft mud of the lagoon a square cardboard box, inscribed:

"The Sleeping Powders. To be taken as required, One."

Wilson's Nest-Egg

BY A. M. CHISHOLM

"I have always spent my money as I have went along," said the old fisherman. "It hasn't bothered me none to do it, and I'm not worried with it now to take care of."

"I should have thought," said the listener, "that you would like a snug nest-egg for your old age."

The fisherman eyed him contemptuously, but accepted the proffered tobacco pouch. He took the small, empty clay pipe from his mouth and put it in his pocket, producing therefrom a most capacious briar, which he proceeded to fill leisurely, ramming the tobacco in solidly with a horny thumb.

"These clays hurts my teeth," he said, solemnly. "I can't smoke a straight pipe for long, nohow, account o' the feel o' my jaw. The bent ones hangs easier. What you was sayin' about a nest-egg and old age puts me in mind of George Wilson. George was always a-talkin' of what he was goin' to do with his savin's if he ever had any—which he hadn't at that time.

"We was all sittin' in the 'Fisherman's Rest,' it bein' a cold blowy night, and

George was talkin' big, as usual.

"'A snug nest-egg," says he, usin' the very words you did—maybe you and him have minds about alike—'A snug nest-egg,' he says, 'safely put away where it will grow and blossom and bear fruit for my old age, is what I intend to have,' he says. He had had three touches of hot Jamaica, and was figurin' on what he would do with his money when he had saved it.

"'Have you got much put by yet, George?' asks Steve Curry.

"'A goodish bit,' says George, noddin'

his head mysterious-like.

"'Then,' says Bill Loftus, that had come in the door that George had his back to, 'I s'pose there ain't no harm in remindin' you of the balance you owe me on them nets. This has been a hard winter, George, and when you have ten small children, like me, you'll know what it takes to keep a house goin'. I wouldn't have spoke about it, George, only hearin' you say you had money saved up I made sure you had forgotten.'

"George said he would pay him as soon as he could, but his money was invested where he couldn't get it out, except the interest, which was only paid once a year, and it would be a year before he could

get that.

"'Does it come in reg'lar, once a year?" asks Bill.

"'Like taxes,' says George.

"'And you won't get it till a year from now?' says Bill, disappointed-like.

"'A year from to-day,' says George, makin' up his mind if he'd have the next one the same, or cold, with no lemon.

"'Then,' says Bill, 'you must have got the interest to day, and you can't have spent it all. I'll take it kind of you, George, if you'll settle for them nets. When you have ten small children, like I have, you'll know what it is to have a use for every cent.'

"George told him it was his own fault, havin' them, but he asked him what he'd have to drink, and the rest of us ordered too, George lookin' black when he had to pay for all, but not sayin' anything. When we had nad that drink we got talkin' again about savin' money and what we would do with it if we had it. Ike Treleaven thought he would like to come to the 'Fisherman's Rest' every night and have a bunk rigged for him by the fire, where he could sleep without goin' home, but Ike had come in early that evening and had been drinkin' Spanish brandy for a pain he had in his bilge, and him bein' a married man, we made allowance. Steve Curry told of a man who had saved up his money and died afore he could spend what he had saved, which certainly seemed hard.

"'In the midst of life,' says Steve, like a preacher, 'we are apt to meet with accidents, and worse. We can't live forever. You are gettin' on a bit, you know, George. What would you do if you was called away sudden, before you

could spend all your money?"

"George said he didn't know what he would do, and didn't need to think of it. He said he was young and hearty and good for fifty years yet.

"'You was aboard the "Matilda Stonehouse" in '76,' says Steve, shakin'

his head.

"'Well,' says George, 'what if I was?'
"'And I've heard you tell of how you
ran the blockade into Charleston, aboard
the "Tried Companion" in '63,' says
Steve. 'You was a man growed then,
George.'

"George said he was only a lad, though large for his age. He had shipped aboard the 'Tried Companion,' he said, when he had got too big for the

infant class in Sunday School.

"'Surprisin' strong boy, you was,' says Steve. 'There ain't many lads, just out of infant class, could carry a barrel of pork from the lower deck to the galley, as you told me you done, that v'y'ge.'

"'Nor yet have the old man call 'em to take the wheel when the strongest man aboard had his arm broke in a gale with the spokes flyin', as you said hap-

pened to you,' says Bill Loftus.

"George said he s'posed it must have been the air and the exercise and the darin' life. He said he wouldn't want to go through all them wild adventures and narrow escapes again. He often wondered how it was his life had been spared, and better men took. It looked so mysterious he s'posed it was Providence. Steve said it certainly was mysterious, and he couldn't understand it either, and so did Bill Loftus, and George looked sour at them both. He said he had seen a lot and come through a lot and was a young man still.

"'You are gettin' on, George,' says Steve again; 'you are cert'ly gettin' on. There's a lot of middle-aged men passin' away this winter, and the hard life you led when you ran away from the infant class is bound to tell on you. That and the drink. I hope you don't feel no signs

of breakin' up yet, George?'
"George said he didn't, and ordered a
stiff 'un, hot, with nutmeg and lemon, to
prove it. He said he felt like a boy,
except when he had to do a man's work;

then he felt like two men.

"'You can't tell,' says Steve, solemn. 'Your heart may be rotten, George, account o' the life you've led, and you may die in your sleep any night. Perhaps it's easiest that way. I should look after my property if I was you, George.'

"'I hope,' says Bill, 'that you won't go and die owin' me the balance on them nets, George. I should hate to think, when I was a-followin' the hearse, that the satin linin's and silver handles was paid for, and them nets not. When you have ten small children, George,' says he, very sorrowful, 'you'll think of what I'm tellin' you.'

"George said if he lived long enough to have ten children Bill wouldn't be at his funeral, and if he had even five children like Bill's he would want to die right off. He said the man in the Scriptures to his likin' was the Prophet Elisha. As for his property, he could look after it without any help from them. Then he got up, steadyin' himself with one hand on the table, took down his hat from the peg by the door, after two tries, his center of effort bein' out of true, and went home.

"George done well after that, fishin', and a widowed sister of his that had married a chap with money, died too, and there bein' no children it all came to George. At first he didn't know what to

do with it. He came down to the 'Fisherman's Rest,' and talked different nights about buyin' bank stock and railways and thought some of gold mines. One day I see him talkin' to a smoothlookin' chap, very earnest, and that night he came in with his mind made up.

"'What I am goin' to do with my money,' he says, 'is to buy land.'

"'That's what I'd do if I had your wealth,' says Bill Loftus. 'I'd have a big house, and big grounds for the kids to play in. When a man has eleven small children he needs ground, and lots of it.'

"George said that wasn't what he meant. He didn't mean to live in no big house, with grounds. He wasn't proud, and his old cottage was good enough for him since the roof was fixed. He told how nice it was to be able to buy his liquor by the keg.

"'I was talkin' to a man to day,' he says, 'that knows all about money and where it comes from and where it goes to. He says all wealth and money and everything we have comes from the land and goes back to it.'

"'Did he say that?' asks Steve Curry.

" 'He did,' says George.

"'How about fish?' asks Steve.

"George said he didn't rightly understand about fish, but would ask the chap. He was full of his new idea, and told us how a tree grew up and was cut, and sawed into boards and built into a house, and so became land again.

"'A house isn't land,' says Bill Loftus.
"'Ho, isn't it?' says George. 'You ask a lawyer.'

"Bill said he wouldn't. He said the only question he ever asked a lawyer was when he was a witness in the case when the 'John Griffin' fouled a Norwegian barque. The lawyer wanted to know if Bill, who was at the wheel of the 'John Griffin' when she fouled, hadn't put his helm down, when ordered to put it up. Bill arst the lawyer if he thought he was a dam fool. Bill said he had sailed with skippers what had the gift of language, but the Judge on that case was the daddy of them all. He said he didn't understand more than half of the words the Judge used, but except once, when they

was loadin' mules in New Orleans, he never heard anything near equal to it.

"'Well,' says George, when Bill had got through, 'land is the thing to put your money in. It can't run away, or be stole or lost, and it doesn't have to be taken care of. Rents come in reg'lar as the clock with no trouble at all. My mind is made up,' he says, lookin' round at us, 'I am goin' to buy land with houses on it. This chap I was talkin' to says he can put me in the way of gettin' some nice properties very reasonable, and I

am goin' to buy 'em.'

"So he did, and when he had got his title papers, and a iron box with a padlock to keep 'em in, there wasn't a prouder man on earth. He had a row of five little brick houses, all with tenants in 'em, and he used to go round every day and look into every house and ask the people if they wanted anything, which they mostly did. After a while they began to get behindhand with their rents, but they always had good excuses and George was too soft to be hard with them. They used to bring in the rent a dollar at a time. Sometimes they'd bring two dollars, and George would be that surprised he'd want to know if they hadn't made a mistake, and when they went away he'd forget to put it down in his book. In a few months he got so mixed up that he didn't know what was owin' to him. Then the tenants got to damagin' the property and blamin' each other for it.

"'Mr. Wilson,' says Mrs. Andrews, one of the tenants, 'I wish you'd put down a board walk in the back yard. Me feet are continual gettin' wet when I hang out the clothes.'

"'Why don't you wring 'em out first?'

says George.

"'I do,' she says. 'It's not the drip from the clothes, but the rainy weather.'

"'What's the use of hangin' out clothes to dry when it's rainin'?' says George.

"'I don't,' she says, 'but it's after,

before the ground is dry.'

"'What happened to the walk that was there?' asks George, recollectin' all at once.

" 'There wasn't no walk when I came,'

says she. 'They say Mrs. McGill burnt it for firewood.'

"So George went to a carpenter and asked him if he had any iron boards that wouldn't burn. The carpenter said he was just out of iron boards, but he had some green hardwood that wouldn't kilndry in perdition. George told him to put down a couple of logs of that, and spike them solid. The next time he was at the house he went out to the back yard to see what sort of a job the carpenter had made. He looked, but he didn't see any sign of a walk. This made him mad, for he had paid the bill for it.

"'Didn't the carpenter come and put down a walk here?' he asks, savage-like.

"'He did,' says the woman.

"Where is it?' says George. 'Am I

going blind?'

"'Two of Mrs. McGill's children took it away for firewood,' says the woman. 'Them McGills is the curse of the world.'

"What with one thing and another George decided to get rid of the McGills, and told 'em they would have to move. He gave 'em a week to do it in. At the end of the week they hadn't gone, and George goes down and begins throwing their stuff out of the window on the street. George could never rightly tell what happened then, but he says he scorned to use his strength against a woman. He came down the street from the house, looking as if he had been in a fight with a shark, which probably he had. As soon as he gets into another suit of clothes he goes to a lawyer and asks how he can get the McGills out.

"'Do they owe you any rent?' asks

the lawyer.

"'They haven't paid any for a long

time,' says George.

"'Answer my question, please,' says the lawyer, who was a big gun and busy. 'What term have they?'

"'Wot?' says George.

"'How long did you rent them the house for?' says the lawyer. 'Have you the lease with you? Let me see it.'

"'I haven't got no lease,' says George. They were there when I bought the

house.'

"'Do you know how they were to pay their rent?' asks the lawyer.

"'In money,' says George.

"'I know that,' says the lawyer. 'I mean were they to pay it by the week, month, year, or how?'

"'They get the house at so much a

year,' says George.

"'How long have they been in it?' asks the lawyer.

"'Upwards of two years, I should judge,' says George.

"'Have you served 'em with notice to quit?' asks the lawyer.

"'I told 'em to get out a week ago,'

says George.

"'No good,' says the lawyer. 'Tenancy from year to year. You'll have to give 'em a proper notice to quit, and it'll probably be six months or more before you can get possession. That's all I can do for you, I'm afraid. Anything else?'

"'Do you mean to tell me,' says George, stupid like, 'thet them McGills can stay in my house and distroy my property? Wot's the law for? Isn't the house mine?'

"'Yes, but it's leased to them,' says the lawyer. 'How much rent do they owe? Can't you make a guess?'

"'No, I can't,' says George. 'They've

quit paying any.'

"'Find out,' says the lawyer, 'and put in a bailiff. Anything else?'

"'How much is your charges?' asks

George

"'Ten dollars,' says the lawyer, looking at his watch and making for the door. 'Tell my clerk what you decide to do,' he shouts back through it, and puts for court as if the devil was after him.

"George didn't have ten dollars on his clothes, and he told the clerk he would think it over and drop in later. When he did think it over, not having got what he wanted he nat'rally made up his mind that he'd been overcharged. So he hunts up another lawyer who he judged was cheaper, being in a smaller way of business, and tells him the time the other lawyer took to hear his story, and asks him if ten dollars isn't too much.

"'Do you want my opinion on your rights as to the McGills?' asks the lawyer.

"'No,' says George, 'the other lawyer seemed to know what he was talking

about. Wot I want to know, is, if he didn't charge me too much.'

"'Well, I should say not, under the circumstances,' says the lawyer. 'Mr. Jones evidently went thoroughly into the matter. Of course he can name his own fees.'

"'Ho,' says George. 'Well, maybe it is all right. And how much is your charges?'

"Ten dollars,' says the lawyer.

"'Ten dollars!' says George, dumfounded.

"'Ten dollars,' says the lawyer. 'Advising on the propriety of a charge for professional services is a very particular and delicate matter, Mr. Wilson. My personal opinion is that Mr. Jones' fee was very small. So is mine.'

"That gave George pretty near all thalaw he wanted, and when on top of it came a letter from Mrs. McGill's lawyer, claiming twenty-five dollars for assault and malicious destruction, he was for paying it without a word, and would have done it too, if he hadn't run up against Lawyer Jones, in the street, who settled the case for him, George paying five dollars, and promising to paper two rooms and paint the house.

"The next trouble he had, he brought on himself, as happens to most of us. Mrs. Andrews moved out between two days, and the only consolation George had was that he didn't know how much she owed him. When he came to go through the house with a party he was trying to let it to, he found all the lead pipes gone, and there wasn't a lock to be seen on the doors. He had to make all that good before he could get a tenant, and when he got one he was suspicious, and kept continual nosing around to see that the inside of the house was there, which nat'rally made hard feelings. The new tenant paid reg'lar and didn't like George treating him as if he was a thief, and so they came to words.

"George called at the house one day, on one of his inspecting trips, and the man told him, flat, that he was tired of having him poking about. He stood in the doorway, blocking of it up, and him being a big chap, George didn't try to

push past.

"'I have a right to look at my own house,' says George, throwin' out his

chest, an' lookin' dignified.

"'You have-from the outside,' says the man, 'and as long as I pay my rent and don't hurt your house, you'll stay there. You just remember that.'

"'The lease says,' says George-he always made them sign a lease, after his trouble with Mrs. McGill—that the landlord may "enter and view." "Enter and view wear and tear" is the words," says he, smackin' his lips over 'em and proud of his memory, 'and I am goin' to view 'em.'

"'All right," says the man, and slammed the door in George's face, leaving him standing outside, fighting mad. He kicked the door once, but stopped when he saw the mark his boot made on the paint, and rang the bell as if he would pull it out. Presently the man came to an upstairs window, and asked him what he wanted.

"'I demand, as owner of this here house, to get into it,' says George.

"The man lighted his pipe, and dropped the match down at him, so that he had to duck his head.

"'What do you want to get in for?'

says he. "'I told you once,' yells George. 'To

view wear and tear!'

"'There isn't any,' says the man, 'leastwise, not to day. We have some ordered, and it may be in next week, if you can make it convenient to call. We're closed now for stock takin',' says he, with a grin.

"'I own this house!' shouts George, fairly dancin' up and down. 'You let me in, or I'll have the law on you!'

" 'You clear out,' says the man, reachin' back into the room, 'or you'll have the slops on you.' And George got off the steps in a hurry.

'I give you notice!' he yells, shakin'

his fist at him. 'Out of my house you go, you black-a-vised, herrin'-boned, long-shore Dago! Come down here into the street, and I'll show you!"

"'Hear it talk!' says the man, sweet as can be, to the crowd that was gatherin'. 'Poor brute! Who taught it such langwidge? Bald-headed, rum-nosed, gingerwhiskered, bow-legged little beast! Look out, or it may do you a injury. Its natural habits is shockin' and its temper is vile.'

"With that, George lost his head completely, and heaved a rock through the window and the man was cut by the broken glass. Of course he had George up for it, and he was fined, besides having to pay for the broken window.

"Well, all these things set him thinking, and one night he came down to the 'Fisherman's Rest' and told us he was goin' out o' t'e landlord business. He said he was tired of grindin' down his fellow creatures and was goin' to put his money in a bank, till he could find something to use it at that wouldn't make him lie awake at night wrasslin' with his conscience. He sold his houses and banked his money, and even then he wasn't happy. He took to wonderin' how long it would be before the bank failed or was robbed. Only last week he was talkin' of buyin' government bonds, and asked Steve Curry what would happen if he did, and a war broke out and a enemy invaded the country and conquered it. He seemed so worried over it that Steve told him if there was a war he could join the navy and die fightin', but it didn't seem to cheer him up

"No," said the old fisherman, reflectively tapping out the heel from the briar into his hand and deftly transferring it to the small clay pipe, "nest-eggs is all right, but they bring their troubles; they bring

their troubles.

Their Hopeless Infatuation

BY ANNE WARNER

It was felt by them both to be one of those thoroughly impossible affairs. Colport couldn't consider marriage, and Mildred never intended to consider it either. Each had a reason for having come to such a decision and each was firmly decided to abide by the reason instead of abiding by one another. Colport's reason was that he knew himself to be eternally fickle, and Mildred's reason was that she felt a dreadful certitude that nothing about her make-up was cast in an enduring mould. They each had cause to feel their fears well based, for in the course of the year preceding their mutual attraction towards one another, he had had two other lesser lights to illumine his life, and she had almost thought that perhaps one of the three whom she had seen at her feet might possibly-but then she had decided not, after all.

Such being the facts in the case, they were delightfully frank with one another, remarking openly on their absolute congeniality, and on the impossibility of anything going further. "I'm not one bit in love with you," the girl had declared energetically on more than one occasion. "I'm sure that I'm not. I always know the feeling as soon as I feel it, and I don't feel it when I'm with you."

The man was hardly up to an equally fervent declaration of denial. He only said, doggedly, "Oh, of course, with me, such things are out of the question."

After a while summer came on, and with summer she went up in the country, and it followed that he fell into the habit of going up in the country too—for every week-end. The going up in the country for Sunday was a placid and platonic recreation such as two well-ordered human natures may enjoy in well-ordered propriety, and they certainly did enjoy to the limit.

Although, of course, they were not at all in love. Oh, no.

And yet when Colport began to pack he used to lay down the necessities of life and entirely forget to put them in, and lose his monocle, and get into a fever of heat for fear the cab would miss the train. And Mildred never slept Friday night, nor ate anything all day Saturday, but then when people are not in love and are thoroughly aware of the fact all such idiosyncrasies are excusable.

In the middle of June, however, something occurred which rather altered the face of their life in general. A business upheaval suddenly threw Colport out of his position, and reduced him to what he styled "abject poverty." He went up the river on Saturday as usual, and told the news as soon as they had finished the more interesting topics which engrossed the first three hours after tea.

"How will you manage?" Mildred asked. "I'd lend you some money," she added, "but this is the fifteenth and I won't get any more till the first, and I haven't but fifty dollars on hand, and I want to go to town Monday."

"Oh, I'm not as hard-up as that comes to," said Colport, easily. "I can borrow on my life insurance. And I always carry my cheque book with me," he added, with happy afterthought.

Then they spent Sunday together in their usual delightfully informal fashion, which the wolf at the door considerately refrained from breaking in upon.

"As long as I'm not at work," Colport remarked when his eight o'clock train time began to draw nigh, "I don't see why I can't stay here and go down with you in the morning. Is Mrs. Carter going too, or are you going alone?"

"I'm going alone," said Mildred; "I'm going to the dressmaker's for the whole day and Mrs. Carter doesn't think it will interest her."

"Then I'll wait," said Colport. And so he crossed his knees the other way, lit another cigarette and—waited.

The next morning dawned gray and rainy. Mildred appeared at breakfast in a rainy-day short suit, which she later reinforced with a hat and white kid gloves.

"Do you think I'd better take an umbrella?" she asked earnestly of her escort, who was giving a man twenty-five cents to carry his suit case four blocks.

"I would," said he; "it may keep on

raining."

She went back to get it, and when she returned the man was gone with the suit

"You ought to have carried that yourself; do you know," she spoke suggestively, "people as poor as you are can't be wasting money in quarters to men to carry things for them."

"I couldn't carry that and an umbrella and help you, too," he laughed. "Now

where can we get a cab?"

"A cab! There isn't a cab in the place. Every one goes back and forth on the car. You've always done it."

"But it never was raining before—and you were never along with me before."

"I'm not going with you now. It's you that are going with me. Don't forget that. And on the car, too. You must. I won't have it any other way. You ought not to spend a penny that you can save."

He went meekly, and they took a car. "It's great fun for us to be poor together, isn't it?" she asked gayly. "We are so frank with each other that we can be quite open about everything, and it will be so good for us both to learn to economize. I'll teach you and you'll teach me. This going on the car is the beginning. Don't you see it isn't half bad?"

"No—," said he thoughtfully, "but I'm glad I haven't the suit case."

When they got out at the station he checked the article in question.

"You ought to carry it in your hand," she objected; "people with things in their hands always look economical."

"It doesn't cost anything to check it," he reminded her.

The train pulled in just then, and other matters claimed their attention, notably the getting aboard.

"Go into the parlor car," he bade her as she mounted the steps.

"The very idea!" she said over her shoulder; "sha'n't do any such thing. We can't afford it." He was behind her, and especially behind her elbow. His grip was very firm and they entered the parlor car.

"Nobody is ever so poor as to ride in a day car," he remonstrated; "one might just as well consider hanging on the trucks."

"It's rank foolishness," she scolded—
"and ever so much harder to talk low," she added.

Colport laughed at that.

"I'm big," he said. "I'll lean forward and bridge the space between the chairs. See!"

"You needn't lean so far forward," she hinted. "There are other people aboard who wouldn't consider day cars either, and they all have eyes."

The journey melted away into nothingness with the same rapidity that absorbed all their time together. It was one of the most bitterly aggravating phases of their acquaintance, particularly when one considered the platonic form of their affection.

"And it's raining more than ever," Mildred observed as they approached the city. Her tone tokened that *that* addition to their cross might have been spared them surely.

"We *must* take a cab this time," said her escort, with great delight.

"We'll do nothing of the sort. We'll walk. It's barely a block."

"Consider—" he began.
"I sha'n't—" she ended.

Mutual concessions being one phase of their mutual joys, they walked.

"I must stop at the hotel," she said.
"Mrs. Carter wants her mail sent up.
You can come in with me. I won't be but a minute and you haven't anything to do anyway."

"You needn't remind me of that so often," he suggested, soberly, and accompanied her up the steps and inside.

"I want a raw egg first," she began.
"The doctor says I'm to take one after
the train ride always. Come into the
café while I get it."

But he whirled towards the waitingroom door.

"I'll wait for you here," he said, and she went alone to the restaurant.

In ten minutes she reappeared. "Swallowed?" he inquired.



DRAWN BY EMIL FARKAS

"Twenty-five cents to carry a suitcase four blocks."

"Swallowed," she asseverated. "Come on, and let me tell you right now that I would never have believed that you could acquire the fundamental principles of a miser so quickly. I was going to pay for the egg, anyway; you could have gone in with me in absolute security."

"I didn't mind paying for the egg," he cried blankly.

"Then why didn't you come with me?"
"I didn't have the nerve to go into the café and ask to have one raw egg served to two people."

She laughed.

"You're delightful," she declared, cor dially. "As a reward we'll now take a cab."

"We can take the car now."

"Take the car in this wet! No, we can't either. I might sit down where some one else had sat in a water-proof."

"You may do that in a cab."
"Fiddlesticks! Water - proofs never

ride in cabs."

"You wouldn't let me have a cab when I wanted it," he affirmed, viciously, "and now I've got to go and have my boots polished as a consequence. So I vow this economy game has got to be played fair and you've got to take a car."

Mildred just looked at him.

"Oh, well," he said, suddenly, "I'll take the cab and leave you at the dress-maker's."

They took the cab, and although it was a half hour's drive they found themselves at the end in less than three minutes.

"Shall I see you again before you go back up the river?" Colport asked as he got out to help her alight.

"Won't you be busy this afternoon?"

"You know my misfortune."

"Well, meet me at the Hoodfords' about three and we'll walk in the park until the five o'clock train."

The park was as bright as usual that afternoon, and Colport's financial position did not dampen his spirits at all. It honestly seemed that they never had been happier together. Perhaps there was something about his hopeful cheerfulness that ran closer to Mildred's heart than anything in his previous behavior.

"Wasn't it rather horried of them to throw you out like that?" she asked, referring to his business casualty.

"Oh, they had to provide for the sonin-law, of course," he said, laughing, "and after all—it doesn't much matter—I can make bills, you know, and as I've remarked before—I always have a chequebook."

Mildred laughed too.

"And you have friends," she reminded him; "don't forget that."

He turned a little and smiled into her eyes.

"Shall I borrow of you?" he asked.

Her upward look was sweet and steady.

"I'm very ready to lend," she told

For a minute they looked at one another and then he looked the other way.

"I wonder if we're fools, you and I!" he murmured.

"Now, or in the past?"

"Either — Which? ——" the question came short upon the answer.

There was one of those pauses that are so full of battling speeches that speech itself is dumb before them.

"I'm a poor man," he said at last, with an effort to mark the moment's depth, "but I have a few resources left thank God!—so I don't need to borrow."

"But I would give——" Mildred said softly.

"Give what?"

"What I have.—I'd be glad to—to help you—any one—in trouble."

"I really don't need money," said the man very slowly, "but, oh! I do need something. Something that every man needs. Something that every one needs. The trouble is, so many seek recklessly that I—you—we feel over-cautious."

She did not speak.

"May I go on?" His voice was almost trembling.

She nodded "yes."

"If you give me permission to go on, there is almost no need of saying any more."

She lifted up her eyes—"Are you sure it's love?" she asked with deep earnestness—"isn't it infatuation?"

Colport leaned a little above her. "What difference does it make which it is," he asked, "as long as it isn't hopeless?" Say that it isn't hopeless."

She turned her face upward to his and her gray eyes and his blue ones met in question and answer.

"It isn't hopeless," she said, softly.

Man-like, he laughed aloud to cover his emotion, and then he caught her hand and pressed it hard.

"Owing to the good luck which leaves me free to do as I please," he said gayly,



"She went alone to the restaurant."



DRAWN BY EMIL FARKAS

"'I'm a poor man,' he said at last."

"I'm going back with you to-night and we'll face Mrs. Carter out of the whole situation."

"We'll remind her that two can live cheaper than one," Mildred laughed. "And then we'll put it in practice," said her lover. "And then we'll put it in practice."

Bill Slocum, Honest Smuggler

BY ROY E. NORTON

"My mother once says to me, says she, 'Bill, whatever you do, be on the square. It pays even if you're in the thievin' business.' I don't reckon mother knew enough about the latter to write a dictionary on it, but she was loaded to the muzzle with smokeless powder when it came to human nature. That's been my rule throughout the game ever since, and I've found that the old shorthorn who said there was 'honor among thieves' was all right, except that he hadn't been to China to work his puzzle out."

It was on one of those delightful, sunswept and breeze-gladdened days of summer that my friend William Slocum thus addressed me, as we sprawled on a coil of rope on the San Francisco docks, and lazily watched the Chinese stewards of the Mariposa, who with deftness were hurrying stores aboard in preparation for the

trans-Pacific voyage.

"And why the exception among Chinese, Bill?" I asked in the silence which followed, as Bill busied himself, fixing with marked dexterity a wad of concealing tinfoil into the holes of a much-plugged half-dollar, with the evident laudable intention of raising it to par value for future use.

"Because it's me that knows," was the reply. And then, his task satisfactorily completed, he closed his knife, slipped the deceptive coin into his pocket, and straightened himself to an easier position so that his six feet of brawn settled comfortably into his tarry resting place, while he told me this tale of Oriental dishonesty.

"No one can accuse me of being crooked, or even curved," he continued ruminatingly, "whether I was ingloriously sober, or so jubilantly drunk that I used a fried egg for an eye poultice. I'm always on the straight and narrow—I am. Never had nothing else to be proud of except spontaneous honesty, and on that I can let the average congressman have marked cards and still beat him out.

"Met a feller here one time I knowed back in the cow country.

" 'What you doing?' says I.

" 'Capitalist,' says he.

"'How'd you do it?' I remarked cautiously, feeling I was about to learn something worth while, and being some ambitious to get my own occupation in that directory class.

"'Smuggling,' he explains, and then you can guess I was mighty interested, having been a foreign and home missionary of that kind myself once, down

Sonora way.

"I jumps at him and says, 'Where? Lead me to the trough.' And then he plants me next to his brand, and tells me where burro-loads of coin could be made over in China handling opium. That tickled me like the sight of the black ball does a rancher betting on a shell game, because I could talk pretty fair Chinese myself.

"'Me no more to the impecunious, Bill,' says I, addressing myself about a month later when I lands in Hongkong, because there I was *pronto*, being with that like everything else—thought 'twas no use to cogitate over shooting unless you drew your gun.

"Old Miss Mascot must have been with me that trip, because 'twould surprise you

how lucky I was.

"I loped into the American consul's and told him I was a poor busted Unitedstateser who had been up country and was broke.

"'Suppose you want passage home,'

he says

"'Not me,' I answers, puffing up like a reform party candidate, 'I would scorn to accept gratootus charity. What I want is work.'

"'What can you do?' says the old boy with whiskers, and then I tells him I can talk Chinese and had worked in the custom house down in New Orleans, and would like to get such a layout there.

"Well, he studies a while, and in about a week I won the job. Thirty taels a month and find yourself. 'Reedeeckulously small compensation,' an Englishman who was already working there told me when I showed up, but being some frugal, full of enterprise, aggravatingly ambitious and surely honest, I thought I could make it do for a little while.

"'Where there's a will, there's a way,' Mother used always to tell me when I was a little feller, so having this in mind it wasn't more'n six months until I had formed a kind of corporation for the promotion of smuggling, with me the real old Pierp as the head of the trust.

"Took me nearly a year to get that business on a real paying basis. I fell in with an old codger whose name was Wong Yet, and I learned to love him as a greaser does a hot tamale. He wasn't bogus as far as I could see in anything, and he had my affections and confidences double cinched and diamond hitched. He had nerve, was a natural boss and had more details inside than a clock has.

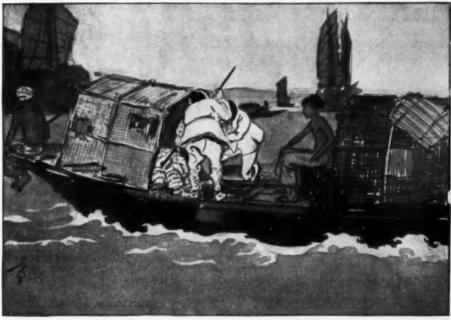
"A few years ago, when all this I'm elucidatin' happened, Nang-po was an independent city and had a local import on opium, so all the dream boys had to divorce themselves from coin to get the dope. It's on the Yangtse River, and the custom house was on an island. Me being assiduous, finally got to be night inspector, and then Wong's and my scheme came in like the poor stranger in a fake foot race.

"And you can bet our system was a winner. We would buy opium up above, where it was as cheap as water is in Oregon, bring it down at night, and land it while I was on watch. Then good old Wong would have his Chinks lined up, they would scuttle over the bridge in a hurry, grab off a load of the stuff and disappear into the city. Next day we would meet, cut up the coin and no one the wiser. Wasn't very big profits, but sales were quick.



DRAWN BY Y. BAYONARA

"I would scorn to accept charity. What I want is work."



DRAWN BY Y. SAYONARA

"One fellow comes mighty near getting me." See page 736

"Oh, yes—I could see my way to returning home and being elected constable, or something of that sort, but I wanted to get enough to own a newspaper and go to congress. Took me about two months to stow away sixteen thousand in my room.

"Funny how a feller never gets satisfied. Here I was with a good homestake, but just bubbling over with yearnings to start a mint. Forgot all about the needle and the camel's-eye business Mother used to tell about. Clean gold locoed—dreamed of gold, tried to eat it, sweat gold from every pore.

"Finally I goes to work on old Wong and loads him up with the idea to make a big clean-up. Regular wholesale round-up. Ship in a whole junk-load from up the river on the first rainy night, and get away with a wad of the yellow all at once.

"Honest, it was so easy I have to grin aloud when I think of it. The junk just floated down nice and smooth until she hove to alongside the custom house, which was noisy with stillness, me having the sabe to give all the sub-inspectors a night off. Sounded like a herd of rats pattering off the wharf and bridge as Wong's men—a regular army of 'em—snaked that stuff ashore. Took them less time than it would me to borrow a dollar. Then that innocently empty raft goes lazily off out into the stream and the job is off.

"Well, when it comes time for me to jog up the trail home, you can reckon I was mighty juberous. Figured out I only needed a few more like that to start a bank. I gets part-way to my wickeyup when I'm flagged by my old pal Wong, who seems in somewhat of a hustle.

"'Smatter?' says I.

"'Alle up,' says he, both talking English for fear some one would hear us, although we was speaking like them whispering pines you read about.

"'Pleece bymeby catchee you pletty dam quick,' he remarks next, and about that time I was giving him most judicious

attention.

"Then he unlimbers a yarn at a two-ten gait that sets my scalp lock to elevating my cap. Says the officers become intelligent somehow and were even then camping in my rooms like a lot of yellow hammers, cheerfully waiting for me to romp home. But Wong had beat 'em to me. He had a scent for a soldier like a rumdum has for beer. Guess he ought to have, too, because when they lariat you for smuggling dope over there it's you to the greensward where a big husky chucks you on your knees and amputates your upper story. Might be some hope for a native almond-eye, but I knew mighty well if they got me the next census would show one foreign population shy.

"Wong says some one must have hollered after the dream medicine was landed. My only chance is to relieve that range of my presence at once. Wong had clamped onto a little handbag I had in my room, with about eight thousand in it, and being the right sort had dragged that with him to meet me. He hands me the bag and tells me to hike for the water front, get out to a rice sampan I'll see there, give the fellow at the oar the high sign, and mosey out of the country about as fast as the great Buddha will let me.

"Gratitude? Say, I set the bag down, fell on that Chink's neck, and wet the front of his blouse with great rivers of it for all he'd done for me; particularly for bring-

ing the safety deposit.

"I left him standing there when I humped for the river front. Didn't lose no time—got the record for that course yet. Couldn't find a boat anywhere, but being a good swimmer, took a chance. No joke to swim with thirty or forty pounds dead weight. Ever try it? If I hadn't had bellows like an alligator I think I would have swum to the bottom before I reached the boat, clean gone in and limber as a link of bologna.

"Sure enough a fellow there sees me, dislocates his map with a smile, says, 'You all light,' and then buries me about three feet deep in rice in the corner of his scow. Regular tomb of rice and I almost smoth-

ers to death.

"Reckoned I wasn't any too soon either, when I heard a boat jam her nose against the sampan's stern and then a gang of dong beaters diluting the silence with a regular poultry-show noise and hullabaloo of questions. My Chink, though, is Doctor Loquacious and Professor Diplo-

mat all rolled into one pill; only I wasn't sleeping while he worked. Says there hasn't been a foreign devil aboard his liner for a month.

"But these yellow boys with embroidered mother hubbards gets industrious and prods through that loose rice with all sorts of antique weapons. The way they jabbed their snickerkersnees into that food, amiably trying to pink me like a wild boar, set my blood to circulating till it dried my clothes. One fellow comes mighty near getting me several times with a javelin, but he didn't have any handicap on Saul as a marksman.

"I was shriveling up smaller all the time, until I reckoned if I ever got out I'd be a dwarf for the balance of my life. Kind of filing on the nerves to lie there half smothered and laying odds with myself as to how long it would be before some one made a bull's-eye and fished me out like a hooked grubworm. Lasted so long it got to be an even booking with me as to whether I'd rather be vitally punctured, or hang on a few days to be beheaded.

"While I was pulling my muscles together for one grand final mix-up, they stopped and I saw I had hope for a new deal. 'Time!' says I, sparring for wind. They pulled off from the boat and my man grunts like a donkey engine and hoists up a few hundredweight of rock he used for an anchor and we gets under

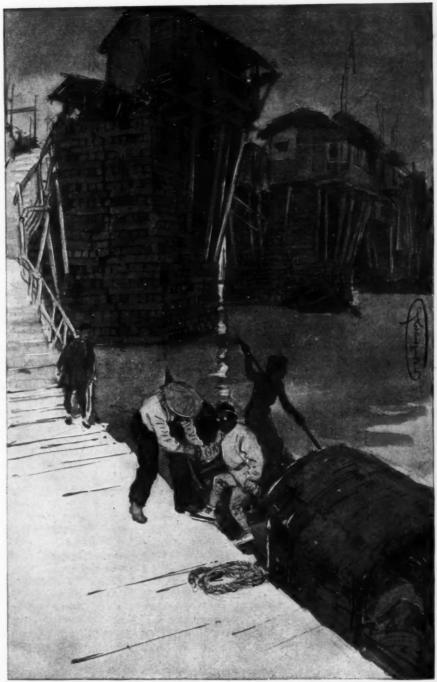
way.

"Along after daylight we makes the river's mouth and I begins to shed rice. The locks on my satchel had got jambed in some way so I couldn't open it, but the boat boy was all right and lent me several taels to buy a ticket on a tramp steamer

bound Bombay way.

"If ever a feller saw a gang of pirates loose, that floating junk shop had 'em. Old Admiral Kidd never drew such a full hand. They all looked suspicious-like at me from the first. I couldn't figure it out unless 'twas they saw my bag was dead heavy, and I was some plastered with rice in my crevices. Maybe, though, it was because they weren't used to having passengers come so unexpectedly.

"They watched me every minute I was on that dirty, ill-smelling, eight-knot smoke-scow Watched me until I got as



DRAWN BY Y. SAYONARA

"You can bet our system was a winner."

suspicious and bug-eyed as a Texas longhorn, and used to camp round my bunk all day and fairly feed and sleep with that bag within reach. Purser suggested I ought to put it in his safe, but I didn't like his game any better than I did his looks. Captain thought it would be safer in his cabin than anywhere, and even the blooming mate volunteered to care That band of sheep-herders had more solicitude for the welfare of my little bag than for the whole blamed steamer.

'But when one morning the steward carelessly starts to lug it off as if it was a mayerick he wanted to drop his brand on, and without remarking 'By your leave, pardner,' which is polite English, I pro-

tested.

" 'Whoopee-ee-ee!' says I-just like that-'I'm old Bill Slocum from the Panamint. I'm a orphan but don't need no gyardian.' By punctuatin' my speech with a handy belayin' pin, I gently argued with 'em until all of 'em that could was either aloft or on the captain's bridge. I'm a mild man at my worst, and 'meek of spirit,' as Mother used to preach, but I sure didn't feel much sad when I heard the mate complaining next day that it was a tough job to work ship short-handed. After that everything was peaceful-like and I was let alone.

"The anchor chain hadn't quit gritting its teeth off Bombay when out comes a redcoated inspector, one of them stuffy, swelled-up little Britishers with more importance than a walking delegate for a cooks' and waiters' union. In about five minutes I was under arrest. Couldn't tell what for, but they handcuffed me, and nothing saved me from shackles but that I had to use my legs some to get anywhere.

"'What's it for?' says I to the little

"'Oh-you know well enough,' he chops back, biting his words off as if he was afraid they'd stick in his insides.

" 'But I don't,' I jaws back.

"Then I thinks I'll take a bite at his leg, when he says, 'Naow, me good, kind man, daoun't you cut up nawsty, or I'll crack yer block,' and I, being discretionary, subsides. I took some hope, though, by remembering what Mother used to say-'Every cloud has a silver lining'-and

changing it a little for this festival, thought the gold lining in my Saratoga would see me through the deal unless the house ran

"Bime-by we gets ashore, and they snipes me through the streets with them ornaments on my wrists for the hilarious edyfication of the unwashed but appreciative populace, and brings me to attention in some kind of a one-horse justice factory. Bringing up the rear of this Durbar parade was a swatty, wheezing like a calliope, sweating, staggering and shifting hands under the weight of my bag of gold.

"'Charge-suspicious character and quarrelsome. Corroboration—general appearance. Crime—came aboard without passports, bought ticket irregular with general hang-dog air, attempted wholesale

murder while aboard ship.

"Naturally I didn't have passports, because, you see, when I left, my time was rather limited. I tried to bluff, but it was no go. My explanations was earnest enough, but elocutionary stunts didn't

satisfy the magistrate.

"Pretty soon appears the captain of the smoke-boat and enters formal charges. He was there strong with the jawbone, and I was the real long-haired ass to be slain. Swears he's been looking for me since the last dry season, and that the bag I had was filled with gold stolen from a friend of his-another captain. Think of that, will you! His friend! All he wants is to get me where I couldn't rob any more poor, trusting, British seamen, and then his friend would call and identify the wad of gold.

'I lets out a roar like a gold-bricked farmer, or a snake-bit Comanche.

"'Shut up!' says the little man.

"'I'm an American citizen,' says I, ignoring the little microbe, 'and demands

my unalienable rights.'

"'You're getting of 'em,' splutters his Worship, and before I could continue my remarks his Johnnies closed in and squoze me down into my chair mostly by sitting on my head. Then I recollected Mother used to say 'Silence is golden.'

"Either because he thought it would make me feel better, or because he wanted to show his real A-1 brand of indignities, the captain stands by while this round-up



DRAWN BY V. SAYONARA

" 'Order!' yells the court louder than ever."

is on, looking horrified and muttering, 'The wretch!' or 'Lord save us, he's afraid of real British justice.'

"The judge either stood in with the play, or was an unsympathetic little cuss; but to make his bluff at investigation good, after he quit shuddering at the terrible ruction he had just witnessed, orders me to open the bag.

"'Can't,' says I, 'got no key.'

"'Ah-ha,' antes the captain, 'what did I tell you?' and then falls to wagging his whiskers at the court. All this time I was ebbulutin' disturbances, so I fell over the top of that little picketed pasture and tangled with the captain.

"The nearest Johnnies grabs me back into the corral, but not before I had chewed off a chunk of the captain's wind breaks and become so affectionately attached to the judge's stand that it takes the persuasions of four men with clubs to separate me.

"'Five bob fine,' says his Honor, as I felt the place where my face ought to be.

"'I'll give five more for another bite of

him,' I ejaculates, spitting loose bristles out of my mouth.

"'Order!' yells the court louder than ever. 'Officer, cut open that bag.'

"A big walloper pulls his knife and cuts her open, while I feels that all hope is loping off like a stampeded cayuse. But what do you think he found? Nothing but a few nice, big, fat, dirty chunks of common lead! Do you get me lucid?

"That yellow pup Wong, that I loved like a brother, had stood in with the gang, four-flushed me out of China with a marked deck, and confisticated not only my share of the big deal, but all I had earned in two years' hard work. He had old Mister Machiavelli looking like a side show in a ragged tepee.

"Well, they threw me in the jail-house and when the American consul asked me what he could do for me, I says, disconsolate-like, 'Nothin'—only for Gawd's sake get me back to a cow country where even the steers and rattlers is honorable sized up alongside the folks I've been herding with; because I've been rangin' in China, and the Chinese ain't honest."

The Reasonable Mr. Reddington

BY AMELIA HAMILTON MCALLISTER

Reddington closed the book with a snap. "Mush!" he said scornfully.

Cynthia tilted her head upward, after the manner of the matinée girl at the play, to prevent two inopportune tears from disgracing her in the eyes of the reasonable Mr. Reddington. "Don't you think it was rather-pathetic, for him to die just as they had met after so longand in her arms, too?"

"It was tough luck," agreed Reddington in his most business-like voice, "but why didn't she lay a good pillow under his head—and put on a blanket or two instead of heaping on adjectives ad libitum?"

"He'd much rather have had her arms and adjectives than all the old pillows and blankets in the world, Mr. Reddington!"

Reddington smiled. "What is the use of getting emotional over things? Actions speak louder than a whole dictionary of

"But they loved each other, Mr. Reddington!"

"Well, may not people love each other in a placid and equable manner, without reasonless epithet or demonstration?" Reddington prided himself on being a perfectly reasonable creature and he had thus far lived up to that definition of himself.

"I hate your horrid reason! Don't ever dare to tell me again, that you-" "That I love you?" inquired Redding-

ton amiably.

Cynthia nodded. "In your placid and equable manner! You couldn't love anything, your heart is just a cold wet fish of a thing!"

Reddington rose to go. "I gave you my word, Miss Wetherby, that I would not renew that subject. Are you going to hurt my cold wet fish of a thing by forbidding me to come again?"

Cynthia took his outstretched hand with a sudden change of manner. no, Mr. Reddington," 'she said lightly, "we're very good friends, only don't-

"I won't," answered Reddington quietly, and his perfectly reasonable heart felt the first chill of disappointment that a woman had ever given it.

As he closed the street door behind him he marveled at himself. He had admired Cynthia Wetherby since the day of their meeting, and the result was flowers, candy, books and music (in perfectly reasonable quantities). After spending one evening a week in her society it occurred to him that it would be nice to see Cynthia Wetherby sitting at home in his arm chair; it was then that he had asked her if she liked him well enough to marry him, and Cynthia's "no" had gone off like an explosive cracker.

But this was months ago, and to-night he walked the intervening blocks, deep in thought. He let himself in with his latch-key, not wishing to rouse that man of his who drew a neat salary for emptying his cigar ashes, and attending to other little et ceteras. A red light glowed in the Snuggery, born of a ruddy fire which the Salaried One had prepared against his coming, but he ignored the rosy flicker, and the wide arms of his favorite chair, and going to his desk, he selected a sheet of paper at. . 'all to writing with an energy appalling:

"DEAR ARNOLD:

"Don't accuse me of a new species of lunacy when I ask you to give me a plain diagnosis of the malady called Love. How does it come? What does it feel like? Is there a cure? Think maybe I've caught the complaint; -is a chill, sinking feeling in one's heart, like the dropping of a cold potato, a sign of anything amiss? Had such a sensation to-night, when somebody asked me not to-well, no matter!

"Do give me a bit of information, old man, and make it a special delivery if the state of your finances permit.

"Yours,

"J F. REDDINGTON."

During the next two days Reddington examined himself with vigilance, but there was no return of a certain cold heart thump. On Saturday morning he rushed Wall-Streetwards to a dayful of business and was soon steeped to his ears in mail; one client begged this, another that. Mrs. Dickinson's divorce suit would have a hearing on the 30th—suddenly he espied a business-like epistle with the neat inscription, "Arnold & Delano, Brokers."

Reddington leaned back in his revolving chair, and slit the envelope. He felt as much anxiety as a man who is about to undergo an examination of the lungs.

"MY DEAR RED:

"I'm afraid it's coming! If you want to avoid breaking out in spots you'd better cut and run; you always were bully at the 140-yards dash!

"There are two medicines, get out of Her

sight; or—live in it forever!
"If circumstances necessitate the former, everything goes a dull gray and it feels like a homeless world, yourself an aching Pang a-wandering through it. If it's the latter, everything goes bright rose, and it feels like a blissful bell-ringing world, yourself and Herself its only pink and gold inhabitants! But the stages which lead up to either of these climaxes are practically the same. Have you experienced the sensation of longing to precipitate your whole month's salary into roses, bonbons, and sweet ephemeral things that perish?
"Have you—on meeting Her, of a sudden,

walking with Mr. Somebody-or-Other-felt a whole cutlery establishment of knives at work within you, you forced to smile sweetly en passant, while you turn a sickly Nile green and you yearn for pistols, or anything

suicidal?

"Have you felt-on the presentation by your valet of a small, womanish-looking envelope—all your nerves jumping like energetic little pumps, your heart making a fearful racket against your ribs, while you know that your innocent-eyed valet can see, hear, and despise all your internal earth-

"These, my boy, and more than these, are the unerring signs of the lovely malady. Have had them all, and come out the better for my last attack, like a kid with the mea-My wife is two or three kinds of a

"Cheer up. If luck's against you, you're such a reasonable chap, my dear Red, it can't go hard with you

"Yours with deep sympathy, "J. O. Arnold."

Reddington put the tips of his forefingers together and stared into space. and run!" cautioned Arnold's letter, while in stern contradiction a veritable army of Blackstones glared at him from their

shelves. "Get out of Her sight, or-live it in forever!" Clearly the latter was impossible; Cynthia's torpedo-like "no" had effectually banished that idea; -then he must adopt the former course.

With this resolution he swung bravely round in his chair and fell vigorously to work. Arnold was mistaken; the world did not look remarkable either for its intensified gray or its accentuated rose. That evening was reassuringly like others he had spent, and he hied him to rest with a mind at ease, and the general conviction that Arnold was a sentimental sort of ass.

The morning of Wednesday dawned much as previous mornings had done. That is to say, the sun got up in the east with its usual golden energy. But to Reddington, there was an undefinable something awry. As he glanced at his office calendar he saw that the day was a Wednesday, and with a flash of illumination he realized that this was his evening at 85th street-he was not to see her! (There was that cold potato at it again; and he had thought he was progressing so favorably!)

His second curious symptom was a strange absence of mind, so that when his partner looked in to ask the name of the principal witness in the Lane-Monroe proceeding, Reddington said "Potatoes!" to his fearful consternation, and his part-

ner's veiled surprise.

The afternoon passed in a dragging fashion, but things did not look gray, he told himself encouragingly. On the contrary the world looked impertinently, unreasonably cheerful. Finally he gave up work and devoted his attention to making artistic little C. W.'s on his blotting pad. When he was trying the effect of C. W. R. in monogram, his head very much on one side, and a foolish smile on his lips, his office boy, entering suddenly, caught him, and was promptly invited to "get out," while Reddington, wheeling about in his chair, consigned the intruder to regions of unutterable heat.

The hour of release at length arriving, Reddington faced the problem of how this benighted evening was to be filled in. As he walked up Broadway, considering several methods of time-killing, he was rudely interrupted by a staggering thump on the back and a "Hello, Reddington! you're the very man I want!"

"How are you, Tim?" Reddington said laconically, not caring a fig as to the real state of Mr. Timothy Brentford's well-

being.

"Very fit. Was just going to call you up on the 'phone. My sister made me swear I'd ask you to dine with us tonight—there's a box party on at the Knickerbocker!"

The plan did not entice Reddington, but as a time-killer it would answer excellently, and before he knew it he was binding himself over to Brentford.

"That's bully! Dine at seven, you know; and by the way, you're to take

Cynthia Wetherby in!"

Brentford was sprinting for an uptown car and Reddington was too late to hold any polite communication with him as he hung suspended from a Broadway cable.

Reddington reached his apartments in a determined state of mind; he had decided that no form of wheedlement should beguile him into spending that evening at 85th street. Arnold's treatment must be fairly tried. With this idea he went to the telephone, and calling up Number 21 A, informed Mr. Brentford that an engagement of a pressing nature, which he had carelessly overlooked, would prevent his enjoying their hospitality.

A swear word or two came from over the wires, accompanied by a wail of feminine woe which suggested Miss Brentford's being in the vicinity of the instrument. Reddington dropped the receiver and resigned himself to his reasonable misery, which took the conventional form of dinner and a cigar.

The clock ticked with aggravating precision and hideous slowness. When the hand of the latter pointed eight and a half, Reddington gloomily reflected that, according to previous records, Cynthia would be coming downstairs; another moment, and she would be putting her hand in his, for the space of a second.

At this juncture he trailed off into a half doze with a delicious little dream wrapped up in it: Reddington was sitting on a low stool before the fire, and Cynthia, with her head well back on the dark cushion of his particular chair, was gently stroking his hair; it was all very blissful and unreasonable. Reddington pulled himself together with a start and the dream vanished like a vapor;—there was no stool, and by the way, he asked himself sternly, what would he be doing sitting on a small uncomfortable thing at a girl's feet? And moreover, why would Cynthia be stroking his hair as if he were a pet cat affair, instead of a reasonable creature of her own genus?

Reddington gave the fire a vicious poke. He looked at his watch, and that timepiece assured him that if he cared to stroll in the direction of the Knickerbocker, he might see something of an

interesting nature.

The night air blew freshly on his face, and the little stars shone brightly from over the tall sky-scrapers; the pale crescent above reminded him of something that Cynthia wore in her hair, of an evening. There was a glow at his heart, followed by an accusing chill; could this seeing things in the moon be accounted a symptom? But no, not possibly; many a man had studied astronomy to his great

and lasting benefit. The theater was a blaze of light, and warmth seemed to radiate therefrom. Reddington was studying the pictures in the lobby, when the big doors were thrown open and the audience streamed out. He stepped into the darkness of the street for shelter, and watched the people as they passed him by. Presently he recognized the Brentford party; Mrs. Brentford with a quartette of men and girls moved before Reddington's eyes as mere puppets in a pantomine, but two figures stood out like silhouettes; Cynthia Wetherby, in a pink ruffle-cum-tuffle -which, being interpreted, was an evening wrap of tantalizing color and kindand a big fellow with broad shoulders, and six feet or more to his credit.

Reddington felt an insane desire to tear Cynthia's little white fan from the fellow's hand, but he wisely pursued the more conventional plan of making good his

escape.

He spent a miserable night, and the

condition of his mind drove him once more to his friend for advice.

"DEAR ARNOLD:

"I've got it! the knives, spinal shivers, Nile green, and the whole confounded outfit. The world isn't 'dull gray,' it's inky black. Do prescribe.

"J. F. REDDINGTON."

J. F. Reddington passed the ensuing week in a state the reverse of equable and placid. He called himself all kinds of uncomplimentary names, and he had a choice collection of unlovely epithets which he hurled at his unreasonable head.

Arnold's letter was short and to the particular point:

"DEAR RED:

"If there's positively no hope—go shooting. I mean deer, bear, or anything legitimate! Yours,

"P.S. Why not come to us for a bit?"

Arnold's postscript attracted Reddington; he was in no mood for sport, and he felt that Arnold's home would be just the place in which to be comfortably miserable, for to pine peacefully seemed to him his only alternative. Acting upon this suggestion, he wired Arnold, had a word with his partner concerning holidays and overwork, and boarded a Pullman for the Long Island village which was the scene of Arnold's marital bliss.

Arnold met him at the station. With a cordial hand-shake and a brief "How are you, Red?" he helped him into the Kentucky brake, touched the bay with his whip, and the two-wheeler was speeding over the road in what Reddington termed "smooth shape."

They talked horses, business, the stock market; then Arnold grinned goodhumoredly. "Still feel like tying a shoe lace round your throat, Red?"

Reddington smiled, with an assumption of indifference; he wished Arnold would not treat the subject so lightly. "Not so bad as that—there's a bit of reason left in me. I hope!"

"Nonsense, man!" laughed Arnold, as he turned into his own gateway. "You can't bring law and logic into this sort of thing; better give up trying. Here's our shack;—comfortable, isn't it?"

Reddington acquiesced with enthu-

siasm; every nook and cranny of the house spelt comfort; there were log fires roaring in capacious chimneys, enticing arm chairs, cushioned corners, a den, with fishing tackle, shot guns and rifles, things eatable, drinkable, smokable, in a glorious manly confusion that went straight to the heart of J. F. Reddington.

Arnold's wife was as comfortable a possession as was Arnold's house. She was good to look upon, and yet not blessed with that beauty which would tie a man, a wretched and unreasonable slave, to the string of her little frilled apron; things didn't "get on her nerves," she didn't object to pipes, and smoke might penetrate any sanctum in her blissful abode.

When Reddington commended the chaotic state of Arnold's snuggery, Arnold's wife merely laughed and assured Reddington that "Jim loved a litter!" Reddington thought what an object lesson in wives she was, and how he should have to bring Cynthia down here, when they were——! Cold potatoes, and the realization that they never would be!

For the next week Reddington's symptoms subsided. Arnold's house was a perfect sanatorium for the afflicted, Arnold's wife was the best sort of a physician, while Arnold's self was a very bracing kind of tonic. All the time, however, Reddington felt like one in a comfortable, half-somnolent condition, who realizes that after the effect of the drug comes the awakening. The latter came one evening as Arnold's wife sat at the piano, in the semi-lighted room, running over some tender nocturnes. Something in the turn of her head brought Cynthia before him, she was no longer Arnold's wife, she was Cynthia Wetherby, with her head half bent, and that little dear droop to her mouth. Acting upon this hallucination, Reddington crossed the darkened room.

"What is it, Mr. Reddington?" Arnold's wife looked up suddenly, with what Reddington called "the nicest sort of a smile." Then it all slipped out by degrees, the room and the hour invited confidence, and Arnold's wife was sympathy personified. That night Reddington committed himself to sleep in a per-

fectly foolish, utterly tender, and wholly unreasonable state of mind; Arnold's wife had managed to instill a beautiful sky-blue hope on his mental horizon.

The following day, however, Reddington suffered with a gnawing discontent; what had come over Arnold's horses? They didn't go half fast enough, and Arnold's cook seemed to have lost her cunning; Arnold's wife was continually eyeing him with a gentle pity that was exasperating; even Arnold's house no longer satisfied, the fire was too hot, the chairs too hard or too soft, he didn't know which, but all he realized was that the moment he seated himself he was seized with a desire to move.

Comfortable misery was no longer possible; he wondered what that fellow with the broad shoulders was doing! The latter thought occasioned such discomfort that he rushed to his room, flung his belongings into his grip, and grasping

the latter, prepared to fly.

"You fool!" he said politely, pausing before the mirror, "just because a girl has the right sort of eyes and an unforgetable smile, you're going to let her knock all the reason out of your con-

founded head!"

Whether reasonable, or the reverse, Reddington's confounded head held but one concentrated idea, that to get in the vicinity of 85th street, New York, was the only desirable thing living, and with this intention he went downstairs to assure Arnold (who was taking a day off) that business of an imperative kind had demanded his attention in town; he even flourished an envelope with the name of his firm embellished upon it, as circumstantial evidence.

Arnold politely concealed his desire to laugh, and Arnold's wife, understanding the situation, telegraphed her husband that if he dared so much as to smile she

would punish him effectually.

It was six o'clock when Reddington reached New York, six-thirty when he found himself in his own apartments confronting the startled Salaried One who was enjoying one of Reddington's choicest smokes. Reddington had a vague idea that time pressed; he ordered a hasty dinner, and dressed with elaborate

care. As he banged the front door behind him he drew a deep breath; had he time? He consulted his watch and decided to employ a cab.

At last he found himself actually ringing the bell of a certain house in 85th street, and the next moment the maid was opening the door. He fancied she shot a glance of surprise at him as he sent up his card. The latter suggested a disagreeable idea; he glanced at the card tray in the hall, it was brimming over with bits of social pasteboard and he noticed that one particular card was conspicuous by the number of its duplicates. He counted at least sixteen "Mr. Robert Ringford Renolds," and without realizing what he was doing he collected a neat pack of that gentleman's visiting

The drawing-room looked dearly familiar, a fire burnt cheerily on the hearth and a rose-shaded lamp threw the room into a ruddy twilight. Mr. Robert Ringford Renolds—perhaps he, too, had been learning the room by heart!

"Good evening, Mr. Reddington!"

Reddington started as Cynthia appeared in the doorway; her head had a most unusual upward tilt, and there was something suggestive of zero weather and refrigerators in her polite salutation; what was more alarming, she was enveloped in the pink ruffle-cum-tuffle, which meant, undoubtedly, that she was going out.

Reddington went forward with outstretched hands and a world of pleading in his face. "Ah, Cynthia, don't!"

Miss Wetherby's eyebrows went up.
"Don't what, Mr. Reddington?"
"Don't send me away, Cynthia!"

"Really, Mr. Reddington," said Cynthia, with a shade less hauteur, "you cannot expect me to give up an engagement—with——"

"Robert Ringford Renolds!" interjected Reddington miserably. "You see, he's seen so much of you!" He laid the pack of Renold's cards on the table beside him.

Cynthia flushed. "Well, where were you, Mr. Reddington?"

"I? I was in the worst kind of a purgatory, Cynthia!"

A sudden ring at the bell threatened Reddington's rose pink bliss; Miss Wetherby withdrew the hand which he had been holding in both his own for the past few moments, and the troublesome maid entered with a card.

"Tell Mr. Renolds I am not at home this evening," said Cynthia, laying the seventeenth card of Mr. Robert Ringford Renolds on the top of its predeces-

The door had no sooner closed on the unfortunate Renolds than Reddington

was humbly apologizing. "I didn't mean to keep you at home, I'm not quite so unreasonable!"

Miss Wetherby smiled at the last word. "I wasn't really going out"—she blushed as she threw off the ruffle-cum-tuffle—"I only put that on for—for—fun!"

After all, Arnold was wise in his day and generation, for as Reddington's arms closed around Cynthia, Reddington's world went an instantaneous rose color, while he and Cynthia stood illumined, in a place that was bright and high!

The Salvage of Honor

BY CUTCLIFFE HYNE

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The other steamer lay a hundred fathoms off, rolling heavily and wetly over the big, cold Atlantic surges, her decks and rigging and superstructure laid out in patterns with icicles and snow. Captain Evans watched her from the Zion Chapel's upper bridge with a face that was beetrootred from pride and exultation. He saw a vision of himself as landlord of a snug public house, and an old age softly provided for.

His find was just the one thing which

merchant skippers sigh after all their lives afloat, and ask for with earnestness in any prayers which they may offer up during interludes ashore. Or rather, to be accurate, it was even more than that; for the majority of master-mariners never dare to supplicate the Sea-Fates which direct traffic on the great waters for the one supreme gem of all their boons. The ordinary skipper in his devout moments thinks with pride over past good deeds, and singles out as his reward the finding of a vague something in the steamer line, with engines comfortably broken down, and

with crew or (more especially) a sprinkling

of passengers still on board. It is his

dream of bliss to drag such into port at the end of a new steel hawser, and reap

kudos backed by a check for anything over

\$2,000. And he would think it drawing too heavily on his luck (and in fact savor-

ing of grasping impertinence) to sigh for anything greater. Yet here, without daring even to dream that such a prize would ever be his, the fates had delivered into Captain Evans's hands not only the steamer of his hopes, but one which, moreover, was deserted by all breathing life, an abandoned derelict which was different about through a North Atlantic snow gale, as a danger to navigation, and a gold mine for the man who contrived to carry here

Captain Evans did not faint before the magnificence of his windfall, because the knowledge of it was brought home to him by degrees. He had picked up the derelict first with his own eyes, had nearly run her down, in fact, as he stood on the Zion Chapel's upper bridge with his second mate, whilst the morning broke gray and dreary through the western ocean snow clouds. At first he did not know that she was deserted; but with helm hard ported, brought his little old tramp round in a wallowing circle, and first hooted cheerfully with his steam siren, and then hailed with his voice to offer assistance. But on the other steamer not a soul appeared. The clash of the seas beating on the rust-streaked sides made her only answering sound.

"Ho!" mused the skipper gleefully as he telegraphed to stop the engines. "So they've left her; and that means there's something pretty wrong; and those two empty lifeboat davits show how they went. Can't say she looks much amiss,

though."

Then he turned and gave orders, and his own dingy lifeboat was swung out-board with clumsiness, and got into the water, and rowed across the churning seas by three very ragged sailormen. The mate was steering, and the mate it was who, watching his chance, clambered on board the derelict by a pendant davit-fall. Then after passing the boat astern, so that she might ride free at the end of her painter, he disappeared into the chart-house and once more the derelict's snowy decks were tenantless.

It was at this moment that the chief came up from his engine-room and gave Captain Evans cold shivers through all

his newly warmed nerves.

"Aweel," he said, "it seems to me ye figured it ower cannie aboot the coal, after all, Captain. If ye'd been led by me when ye bunkered her, we might ha' plucked yon great white beast home along wi' oursel's; but noo I'm thinking she's only a cauld white elephant which we'll ha' nae use for."

"My great glory!" cried Evans, "you

don't mean that, McFee?"

"I see too damn little humor in the thing to jest aboot it," retorted the chief sourly. "It's just siller oot o' my ain pouch, this meanness of yours, as I telled ve it might weel be when ye forbade me to take my proper whack of coal on board in Norfolk. It'll use up all my time to find the steam that'll carry the little tub home by herself." He pointed a grimy finger at the derelict. "There's my old age pension waiting to be picked up off yon steamboat, and it's got to be left behind. But" he added venomously, "it's some sma' comfort to ken that you bit o' plunder has been dangled before your een and then plucked away just the same." Mr. McFee snorted, and had more to add, but the cold was making him shiver, so he spat on the wheel grating, and clattered off to the more congenial warmth of his own station below.

The skipper lifted no head against these insults; the facts crushed him; and the

outlines of the dreamed-of public house faded into dreary mists of poverty. The coal war between himself and his chief engineer was a feud of long standing. The Scot had a weakness for pace, and a liking to see his engines do justice to themselves, so that he might boast about performances afterwards. The Welshman was a shareholder in the Zion Chapel-to be accurate, he held two sixty-fourths of her—and in every ton of coal expended saw his meager profits encroached upon. He ran the boat on a starvation allowance of fuel; habitually steamed her into port on the sweepings of her bunkers; and now he had to suffer for it. With so much as a hen-coop towing behind to impede him he could not have brought the Zion Chapel up to Cardiff docks.

But meanwhile Mr. Cecil Hall, the mate, had been making his rapid survey of the derelict. The mate was a young man of the newer school, ambitious, moderately intellectual, and in a way well read in the matters relating to his profession. This was his first trip as mate with steam—or as "chief officer," as he preferred to name the position—and he was thirsting to distinguish himself. He came back with his boat flying, climbed the Jacob's ladder with an ape's quickness, and swung himself on to the upper bridge in four

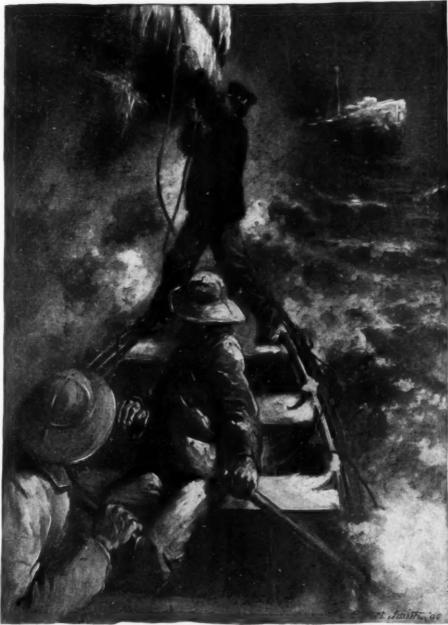
strides.

"She's as sound as a bottle, sir," he burst out; "machinery laden; and I can't make out that there's anything wrong with her engines. She's been swept pretty badly, and I should judge that her cargo shifted, and she got hove down on her beam ends, and her people left her because they thought she'd turn turtle altogether. And then, when they'd gone, I suppose she righted herself again. She's a new two-thousand-ton ship by Harland and Wolff, and with what's in her she must be worth altogether three-quarters of a million."

The captain shook his head heavily. "But the *Zion* can't tow her, my lad. We've got only enough coal to just get in

ourselves."

"Oh, damn the old *Methody*," rapped out the mate, and then added quickly: "Beg pardon, sir, I didn't mean that. But look here, give me a deck-hand to



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"The mate clambered on board the derelict."

take trick and trick with me at the wheel, and put me a crew of two in the engineroom and six in the stoke hold, and I'll howk her into Bute docks by myself."

"By Glory!" said Captain Evans, "I never thought of sending her along under her own steam." He rubbed a paw before his eyes. "By Glory, it sounds too good

to be true. What goats they must ha' been to ha' left such a vessel! She don't look so very full of water, either."

"There aren't ten pints in her," replied the mate. "I saw to that. Shall I muster the hands aft, sir, and ask who'll come

with me?"

"Don't you bustle a man so, my lad," said the skipper; "I must think that through a bit. By the way, what ship is she? Her funnel's that masked with snow I can't make her out, unless, she is one of those new Grey and Swithenbank boats that they put steam cranes on the forward deck of, and——"

"She's the Cykros, sir," the mate put

in impatiently.

"What?" yelled the skipper. "Cykros, port of Hull."

"My God! and Dick was her master!" said Evans, and fell to gnawing his thumb nail.

"Friend of yours, sir?"

"He married my daughter, Mr. Hall, and she's all I've got. He's had three kids by her, and they've neither insurance nor a sixpence put by."

"Dear me!" said the mate, "that's a desperate bad job. Shall I begin to get together a crew to take over with me,

sir?"

"Poor Dick Morgan!" said the skipper, "lose his ship this way, and as good as done for whether he's drowned or not! There'll never be another penny of wage come to his hands in this world. But, look you now, what a blazing old dog-fish I must have been ever to let my girl marry a sailor! Well, I'll have to keep her now; yes, and the kids, too. It'll be a tight fit."

"I suppose you couldn't let me have Mr. McFee, sir?" suggested the mate thoughtfully. "The second engineer would be all right here, because he knows this ship, but he'd be a good deal adrift amongst new big machinery. You see he's only just left the shops to come to sea."

"Poor Polly," mused Evans, "there's some hardish times ahead for you."

"You can be rich enough, sir," said the mate sharply, "to retire from the sea altogether, and set up Mrs. Morgan with a pony and chaise, if you'll only give me permission to carry that steamboat home and put her into a salvage agent's hands—a sound derelict—and she can fill our pockets, and get us paragraphs in the newspapers, and bring us in the way of berths that are a sight different to knocking about in a little tin-pot tramp like this blessed *Methody*. Come, sir, remember me if you won't think of yourself; I'm a man that's got to get on."

Captain Evans pulled himself together. "You're right, matey," he said, "though you're a tolerable beast in your way of putting it. The best thing we can do for my girl and Dick's kids is to take his steamer home and put dirt on Dick's name for ever and ever, Amen. You're fond of newspaper paragraphs, Mr. Hall? Well, I'll give you one that'll make a good many

people feel sick.

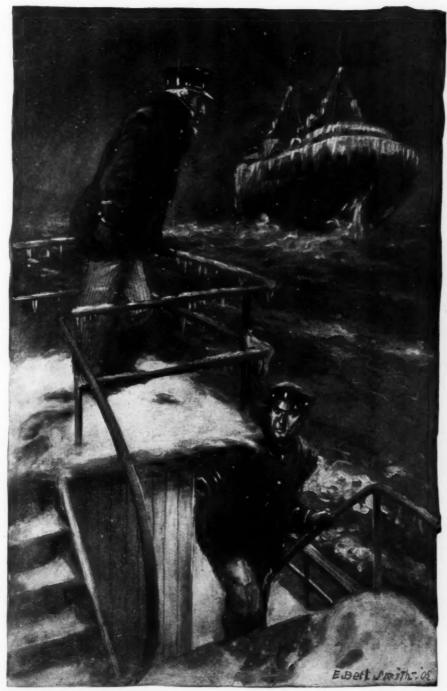
"'Cowardly desertion by a British Captain'—that's how it'll be headed. 'Left his ship because she got a few inches of list on her,' some inky-fingered office boy will write. 'Blot on his bloomin' profession. Beggar drowned, and served him jolly well right. Wife and kids deserve no pity; they shouldn't have been hitched on to such a white-livered tailor. Buy a paper, Captain, speshull!' "

"Oh, come now," said the mate, "it won't be as bad as that. You trust me, sir. I'll get hold of the newspaper bug when he comes off, and I'll fill him up till he doesn't know which end of his pencil's sharpened. I know exactly how the thing ought to be put so as to look best for all of us, and it's my yarn that'll get into

the papers, not his fancy tale."

Evans shook his head gloomily, but he followed up the subject no further. "Call the crew aft," he said, "and let's get you packed off towards your gold watch and illuminated address." And Mr. Cecil Hall, the mate, with a joyful face put a whistle to his lips, and let the word leak out that all volunteers would be given the wherewith to lay out a solid six months' spree in Cardiff.

It was Cecil Hall, acting master of the *Cykros*, who first saw the two lifeboats struggling eastward under close-reefed lugs, but it was the *Zion Chapel* which picked them up. The *Cykros* held steadily on her course, replying nothing to their



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"For a long time neither of them spoke."

frantic signals. It was the little tramp which slowed, got them alongside, hoisted them on to her rusty iron main-deck, and them steamed gaspingly on again towards the east. The lifeboats contained the former crew of the *Cykros*, wet, draggled, and ill, but alive, all of them, and stirred with a large variety of emotions.

Captain Evans left a German quartermaster on the bridge, with instructions to keep as near to the *Cykros's* taffrail as might be, and then went into the charthouse, where his son-in-law lay stretched out on a sofa-locker. Evans produced whisky, and they both gulped down strong nips, but for a long time neither of them spoke. It was the older man who first let loose his thoughts aloud.

"By glory, Captain, but it's a bad job," he said.

"About the cruelest bad job ever invented, Captain," returned the other, moodily.

"But it's got to be faced, Captain."

"That is so, Captain."

And once more the talk withered up in them. Evans produced moist black cigars, at which they both puffed feverishly, till the little chart-house was built in with biting smoke, but even these didn't bring them ideas which could be spoken aloud. Indeed, Morgan had no definite thoughts in his head at all, except an occasional fancy for then and there shooting himself. But the elder man was planning busily.

"Look here, Dick," he said, "she's my daughter, and her and her kids are about all I've got to care about. If you can't look after them alone, I've got to help you. How much money have you got?"

"Call it nothing," said Morgan drearily.
"Nothing to speak of, at any rate."

"But you must have money! Look you, there's just a chance to pull you out of the ditch yet, but money'll be wanted to work it. Remember, it's your professional life you have to save; and now, say, what is every sixpence you can ante up to do it?"

Captain Morgan considered a while. "I believe I could lay my hands on fifty pounds."

"No more? You must have more."

"I might screw seventy; not a cent more than that, even by selling the bonnet off Polly's head."

"Well, and I can add one hundred to it, and with that we've got to square McFee and the mate, and the rest of my crew. What about your crew?"

"What do you mean? I don't under-

stand your game."

"Never mind that yet. If I shut the mouths of my lot, and set you all back aboard your ship, can you keep your

beggars from talking?"

"Can I!" cried Morgan, with a glow of fury. "Do you think the swine would want to talk? I can't have told you right the way they treated me. When the mess came, there wasn't a man with me in the ship who'd kept his head. I know things looked ugly. There was a hard blow on us, and a pig of a sea running, and the machinery cases below had got adrift and took charge. They were kicking up a noise like ten boiler-shops all hammering at once; and, of course, no one could go near to get anything made fast again. And then she began to list to starboard; and, of course, the heavy stuff all piled up there, and some fool said it would smash through the skin of her, and down she'd go like a stone. And after that, there was no holding any of them, from the mates down to the captain's dog.

"I'll admit things looked about as bad as they could do; but there's nothing new in that. A man who goes to sea claps his eyes on that sort of tight corners twice a year, if he's any ordinary amount of bad luck. But it wasn't good enough for them. They weren't going to be drowned at any price. They might have been the Emperor of Russia for the value they put on their dirty hides; and they victualed the lifeboats, and put them over the side,

whether I liked it or not.

"I said, 'Wait till she sinks, and then we'll go.' They said, 'No, she'll pull us down with her too; and if you don't come now, you'll be left.' And so," said Morgan in conclusion, "I went. I suppose I was a blame' fool; but it didn't strike me at the time I could do any use in a drifting steamer that was going to sink, without a crew to sink with me. And besides, somehow, I wanted to see Polly and the kids again, though I quite understood I should only go back to them as a thoroughly broken man."

"It's all understandable enough here,"

said Evans thoughtfully.

"Yes, but it'll look different ashore. A daisy of a yarn I shall have to trot out when it comes to the Board of Trade enquiry. It doesn't matter whether they take away my ticket or not. I may as well bear up for the workhouse after this, for the devil another berth shall I get from any shipowner, unless, Captain," he added rather pitifully, "you are man enough to pull me out of the mess. And you'll have your work cut out. That mate of yours in my ship didn't fancy picking us up at all."

But Captain Evans did not explain further. He said only that he would try his best, and went out on deck.

The Zion Chapel was not a swift craft; her best, she could do nine knots. The Cykros had done something wonderful for a cargo boat over her measured mile, but in ordinary life she steamed a bare eleven; and just now, in her undermanned state, she was reeling off a trifling eight. So Captain Evans easily steamed up alongside, and when the bridges of the steamers were level, and their flanks were only separated by some twenty fathoms of tolerably smooth water—smooth, that is, for the winter Western Ocean—he hailed.

"Howdy, Captain Hall?"
"Howdy, Captain?"

"I want you to heave to, Captain, and then come aboard of me. I'll send a boat and you can bring Mr. McFee."

"I don't like to leave the ship, sir, unless it's something very important. I suppose those were the *Cykros's* lifeboats you

picked up?"

"They were. I've got Captain Morgan and all his lot on board here, quite sound. We want to have a bit of palaver over their coming back again."

"Oh, they meedn't bother to come,"

said the ex-mate. "We can get along quite nicely, now we've tumbled into the way, and they'll be all knocked up after their boat cruise. Likely enough, in their weak state, they'd lose the ship after all, if they had her again."

"They're all right," said Evans, "and they're going to carry her home. You

can take that from me."

"Yes, but where do I come in?" the mate asked noisily. "This is the only chance I shall ever have, and you're going

to make me miss it."

"My son," said Evans, "sailoring's made up of bits of hard luck, and you've got to take your whack like other men. But you'll be treated as well as can be managed."

"I don't see it," said Hall. "I guess I'd better take the chances, and carry this ship home as she is, whether you like it or

whether you don't."

"By Glory!" said Evans with a sudden flame of rage, "if you don't do as I bid you, I'll lay the Zion alongside of that steamboat in another minute, and take you home in irons, if I smash half the plates in their sides whilst I'm getting you."

"Oh, very well, if you're set on it," said Hall sullenly, and rang off his engines, and put his helm hard aport. "Sheer away, out of my light, and send your infer-

nal boat."

Some half-hour later the mate stepped on board the Zion Chapel, wrapped in black temper, with Mr. McFee at his heels, grimly suspicious. The pair of them were conducted into the chart-house, and were offered whisky, but refused to drink. The stiffness between the parties was too unaffected to be ignored, and Captain Evans wasted no time in beating about the bush.

"I'm going," he said, "to put Captain Morgan and his crew back on the *Cykros*. The crew are dogs, and I'd as lief as not see the lot of them starving on a roadside fence. But the captain here has been

badly treated, and he is-"

"Your bloomin' son-in-law," said the

"My excellent son-in-law," said Evans quietly. "This is precisely the way in which he left the *Cykros*," he added, and

gave the tale with quietness and skill, exaggerating nothing, but showing off the crew's defection with pungent clearness. "And now," he concluded, "it remains to be seen whether you deliberately want to ruin Captain Morgan or not. If that's your wish, you may do it, and be hanged to you; though I don't see that you'll be any the better off for the job, except that you'll make a tidy fistful of very stout enemies. If, on the other hand, you'll kiss the book to hold your tongue on the matter, there'll be two hundred and fifty apiece for you for your pains. How's that?"

"There's the rest of the crew," said the

mate.

The captain was hot with speech. "As for the *Cykros* swine," said he, "you bet there's nothing they'll want to boast about. They'll be only too pleased at a chance to keep quiet. And as for ours, you leave them to me. I guess they're just the sort to forget all this yarn for a tenner apiece, and would like the chance to come again next week. It's only you two that are likely to be unreasonable. But what do you say, Hall?"

"I'm cornered. There's no way out of it. I won't kiss any Bibles, but I'll give you my word of honor and be d——d

to you."

"Then I'll give you my check."

"You can stick the money down your throat," replied the mate truculently. "It don't pay me for the chance I'm missing. I thought I was getting a good Christmas box out of this. Well, Captain Morgan, I give it back, and I don't want your thanks either."

Evans wiped his face. "Well, McFee," said he, "I'd like to hear your views upon

the offer."

"Aweel," said the chief, "among Scots there's but little attention given to Yuletide festeevities and gifts. Therefore, Mr. Morgan, I'll no go for returning ye the money."

"Right," said Evans, "I'll make out your check at once. You won't lose your 'siller' after all, you see, McFee."

"Bide a wee," said the chief. "But I was going on to say that we're a varra relegious people across the border, and that the New Year's day is a great time

with us. I'm thinking, it's New Year the noo, and to celebrate the day, I'd like to make ye a present o' von sum to spend on Mistress Polly and the bairns. Ye must ken I'm a married man mysel'," McFee added quietly.

"Gentlemen," began Morgan, with a quaver in his voice, when Hall cut him short.

"Oh, for God's sake," the mate cried, "don't get the pathetic stop out, or I shall blow up. Here, man, get across to your ship, and good luck go with you. You aren't half a bad sort, and I'm a beast. Skipper, if you'll hand over something in small change and let me and the chief speak to the crew, we'll see that none of

they get ashore."

This was done; and that is why the



leaked out in the seaports. But by what methods the crew of the Zion Chapel were pinned to silence, the present writer refuses to tell. The only persons

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who really suffered by the transaction were-it seems to me -certain shareholders of the Zion Chapel. Captain Evans, it may be remembered, only held two sixtyfourths of the shares; so there were other gentlemen, who, had they known it, should have come into a very large fortune by way of salvage. On the other hand, certain parties connected with the Cykros were saved an equal sum. But all the same, the accounts do not balance. In fact, the only thing (besides several the fellows split when "Ye must ken I'm a married man mysel", reputations) really saved by Captain

Evans's action was a large amount in the news of that curious interchange in the inevitable law expenses of a salvage case.

An Acquired Domesticity

BY UNA HUDSON

Some men are born domestic, some achieve domesticity, and some have domesticity thrust upon them.

The sentiment of that, I insist, is entirely original, though I'll admit that the manner of expression smacks somewhat of plagiarism.

There comes a time in every man's life, with, possibly, a scant half-dozen exceptions, when he firmly believes himself born domestic, and nothing you can say or do

will convince him to the contrary. This is when he is mooning around in the vicinity of a sweet young thing in white muslin and blue or pink ribbons, as the case may be, and the inborn domesticity takes the outward and visible form of a deep interest in the price of eggs and butter, meat and potatoes, and an insatiable curiosity regarding the rent of flats

But the real test comes some twelve months after the wedding day, when the inevitable has taken place, and the house is given over to the rule of a heavy-footed, ample-bosomed person who says "S-s-sh" to you the minute you step inside your own front door, and who keeps on saying it at intervals as long as you remain in the house.

Of course, if you really do belong to the very small minority of men born domestic she will not "S-s-sh" you, but will at once recognize you as a kindred spirit, and will take you into her confidence in the matter of paregoric and essence of peppermint and other things appropriate to the occasion.

She may even go a step farther, and permit you to hold the addition to the family. If you can preserve a cheerful and debonair exterior when the bundle of muslin and flannel and lace is put in your arms, and if you don't instinctively feel that you are going to drop it, or smash it, and if you are not a prey to misgivings as to whether or not you are holding it right side up-then may you have a baker's dozen, for truly you were born domestic, and paternity is your foreordained rôle.

This story is not, as you may mistakenly have inferred, a chronicle of the deeds of a domestic man. One cannot, even with the best will in the world, write a story about a domestic man, for the very word "story" carries with it a suggestion of something that has happened, and to a domestic man nothing ever happensexcept babies; and babies, though they have their uses, are yet very poor material for the foundation of a story.

Rather, it is the complete and veracious account of how I, who by nature am not domestic, both achieved domesticity and

had domesticity thrust upon me.

When the nurse offered my son and heir, artistically laid out on a pillow, for my inspection, I stated, with what I now feel must have been almost brutal frankness, that all babies looked alike to me.

I objected strenuously, though unavailingly, when I found safety pins in my ash tray and rolls of flannel neatly tucked away among my shirts, and with my own hands I removed bottles fitted with rubber attachments and filled with milk, from my toilet table.

Cecily looked at me with an expression more of sorrow than of anger in her pretty eyes, and I accidentally overheard the nurse confiding to cook, in language more forcible than flattering to my vanity, her opinion of my "onnatural conduck."

But I persisted in my unfatherly attitude, for the fact that Providence had seen fit to bestow upon me a snub-nosed. featureless infant was not, in my opinion, cause sufficient to warrant my turning myself into a sort of assistant nursemaid.

Later I had reason to change my mind. While the nurse remained she guarded her charge zealously, not to say jealously, and I could not have come into close contact with him even had I so desired, which,

most emphatically, I did not.

But after her departure, we were, perforce, obliged to accord him a place in the very bosom of the family. To my unspeakable disgust I very soon discovered that he was the center around which all

things must revolve.

I accepted the situation, but I held aloof from my son and heir, and, watching Cecily's nightly struggles to induce him to go to sleep at a seasonable hour, I mentally assumed the attitude of the Pharisee and offered up thanks that I was not as she.

Cecily did her best, I have no doubt, but it did occur to me once or twice that had I been a woman, to whom a knowledge of the care of babies comes as naturally as does a taste for whisky to a Kentuckian, I would have somehow contrived that little Bob should be quiet when his father wanted to read the evening paper.

One night when Bob was unusually uproarious I even intimated as much to his

mother.

"I suppose," said Cecily, with biting sarcasm, "you think I let him cry because I enjoy listening to him."

"U-m," I said, weakly, "I don't know." "Don't you?" questioned Cecily.

"Then it's time you did."

I put down my paper and looked at Cecily. Little Bob was tucked under her chin, and she faced me over his absurd, fuzzy little head. I looked at her carefully, consideringly, and it suddenly struck me that, in spite of the pink bow



"There comes a time in every man's life."

in her hair, and the very fetching bit of lace twisted about her throat, she didn't look exactly festive. Moreover, there were at least two lines across her white forehead and two more at the corners of her mouth that had not been there before the baby's advent.

"Cecily," I said, "does he get on your nerves, too?"

Her chin quivered convulsively, and I saw her set her teeth firmly on her lower line

I walked over to her and took little Bob out of her unresisting arms. For once, I handled him without a tremor. I put him on the sofa, and listened to his deafening howls, and watched him dig his small red fists into his eyes with a feeling nearly akin to positive joy.

"You little imp," I said, in the calm, dispassionate tone of one who metes out strict justice, untempered with mercy, "lie there, and cry your head off if you like."

Then I went back to Cecily and gathered her into my arms.

"Does he get on your nerves?" I asked again. "Honest, now, does he?"

Cecily's head burrowed into my shoulder and her voice broke in a hysterical something that was neither laugh nor sob but partook somewhat of the nature of both.

"I'd rather," she said, "have a white elephant or a young rhinoceros to look after than that baby. They would at least be big enough so that I needn't fear I was going to murder them every time I came near them."

"But," I began, "I thought-"

"That women took to babies like little girls to dolls," Cecily finished for me. "Well, they don't; at least I don't. I love little Bob dearly—"

"Same here," I interpolated.

"But I don't know what to do with him!"

I felt that the moment was one that fairly shouted aloud for advice, but I had none to offer; so I patted Cecily's shoulder soothingly, and she wept comfortably on my coat collar, while from the sofa little Bob bellowed an accompaniment that quite put to shame her modest efforts.

And in that moment I achieved domes-

ticity.

I put my wife in the rocking chair with a cushion at her back and a hassock under her feet, and I thrust the evening paper into her hand.

"Little girl," I said, "I haven't played fair. I'm going to turn over a new leaf

and begin over again."

I took off my coat, removed my collar and cuffs, turned back my shirt sleeves

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"I lifted him carefully."

and advanced upon the wailing atom of humanity on the sofa.

I lifted him carefully, as one does a valued and fragile bit of bric-a-brac, and I breathed a sigh of heartfelt relief when I found him in my arms and still intact. Cecily mopped her tear-stained countenance, and looked at us out of wide-open, interested eyes.

"I don't see why," she remarked at length, "you don't keep him quiet so that

I can read the paper."

"Because I can't," said I, cheerfully stating the obvious.

Cecily cast the paper aside and came over to us.

"Bob," she said, with a tender hand laid on my shoulder, "you're an old dear. Let me help; between us, I fancy we can subdue him—in time."

That little Bob lived and thrived—after a fashion—and eventually reached an age when he began to be a real comfort to his parents, was, I insist, not because of the care bestowed upon him, but rather in spite of it, for, with the best will in the world, we daily did with painstaking regularity the things we ought not to have done, and just as conscientiously left undone all the things we ought to have done.

I dare say we spoiled him. Ninety-nine people out of a hundred do spoil their children, and I've no reason for thinking us the one hundredth couple. But he was undoubtedly fond of us, as were we of him, and it really was pathetic to see his grieved face when we planned an evening out, and heard him lisp in his halting baby language, "Tan't oo tay at home wis Bob?"

More than once we have, at his behest, laid aside our state and festival attire and settled down to an evening of story-telling, of reading aloud, of rocking and of lullabies. The look of satisfaction on his chubby face, and his invariable "Bob loves oo wery much," was, we told ourselves, ample compensation for the lecture or play or social evening with friends we had foregone.

And possibly it was when he was four, but assuredly it was not when he was seven. The spectacle of a great bulletheaded boy of seven loudly bewailing his parents' contemplated attendance at a



"I dare say we spoiled him."

card party is provocative of irritation rather than of pity. Also there are times when one would prefer that the love of one's child should find expression in deeds rather than in words.

So we hardened our hearts, ordered Bob to bed, instructed Mary Ann fo sit within reach of his voice, and went, his rebellious screams following us even to the end of the block.

Which was all very well for a time, but one night, returning from a particularly enjoyable lecture, we were met on our front steps by a distracted Mary Ann, who fell upon us, weeping, and began to pour out an utterly unintelligible tale of woe.

The natural inference was that something had happened to Bob, but her incoherent utterances quite failed to enlighten us as to the nature and extent of the calamity.

I left Cecily still struggling with Mary Ann and pushed hastily into the house. A perfect babel of sounds smote upon my ear—loud wailing interspersed with cries of "I didn't mean that! I don't want you to come near me—I tell you I saw it—no, it's green!"

Horrified, I took the stairs three at a bound and tore into Bob's room, from whence the noises seemed to proceed. Bob, in his little white nightgown, with eyes open, but fixed and staring, was stumbling about the room, bumping into the furniture. Alternately he moaned piteously and screamed a jargon without sense or meaning.

"Bob!" I gasped. "In Heaven's name, boy, what is the matter?" And I laid my hand gently on his shoulder.

He shrunk as from a blow, and screamed an entreaty that he be left alone.

I confess I was stumped. Such an attack as this was something quite outside our experience, ranging though it did from mumps and measles to whooping cough and scarlet fever.

Cecily came in, and until I had succeeded in convincing her of the necessity of controlling her emotions I had two panicky persons on my hands instead of one—three, counting Mary Ann, who sat on the stairs and groaned and called upon all the saints in the calendar.

By degrees Bob quieted down and permitted himself to be put back to bed. And though I slumbered in my bath robe with one eye and both ears open, ready to jump up at an instant's warning, there was no recurrence of the attack that night.

Of course we consulted a doctor next day, and were laughed at for our pains. Didn't we, blandly inquired the man of medicine, know a nightmare when we saw one?

But that that was no nightmare I'd cheerfully stake half a year's income, and so I told him. He laughed unpleasantly, and I flung out of his office in a huff.

A few nights later Bob had another

attack. We hunted up another doctor, who talked learnedly about disturbances of the nerve centers, and advised massage

and a light diet.

But massage and a light diet only aggravated the malady. We dismissed the masseur and consulted a specialist on nervous diseases. This gentleman looked at Bob over his spectacles, felt of his pulse, inspected his tongue, prodded him in various parts of his anatomy, and pronounced him a somnambulist.

Which expert opinion did not seem to me to be worth the five dollars I paid for it. I had already inferred as much, and without its costing me a cent either.

Nor were we greatly comforted by the learned gentleman's confident assurance that Bob would outgrow his sleep-walking proclivities. What we wanted was help for the present, not promises for the future.

Since we could not, however, obtain the one, we accepted the other. Bob's attacks were regular only in their irregularity, and because we feared to trust him to Mary Ann almost as greatly as she feared to be left alone with him, we once more settled down to evenings spent at home, peaceful but dull, and told each other, hopefully, that it "couldn't last more than a year or two."

But I am bound to confess that this, the domesticity that was thrust upon us, was far more irksome than that we had

achieved.

It was sheer desperation, I think, that finally drove me to attempt the fathoming of Bob's mysterious malady. Desperate diseases, I remembered, required desperate remedies. So, one night when Bob was prowling around talking loudly of the "pink grass out in the back yard, and the green moon up in the sky," I summoned Cecily to my assistance.

"And bring me one of your hat-pins," I

said.

"I think," I explained, when, wondering, she had brought the hat-pin, "that what Bob requires to bring him out of this condition is a shock of some kind. He is, we know, entirely unconscious of what he is doing—that he never remembers anything about it the next morning is proof positive of that. A plunge in cold water might answer our purpose, but I consider the hat-pin more effective. It is my purpose to thrust it through his arm. When—"

But a howl from Bob that would not have discredited an Apache Indian inter-

rupted me.

"I ain't going to have a hat-pin stuck in my arm," he yelled, and sprinted for his bed.

"I thought as much," I said, trium-

phantly.

Cecily, unable to doubt or discredit the evidence of her own eyes and ears, went out and wept because of the proven duplicity of her son. But I dragged him from his bed, and behind closed doors we had an interview from which he emerged sore in body and chastened in spirit.

The next day I bought theater tickets, and that night Bob went unprotestingly to bed and slumbered peacefully while his mother and I occupied orchestra chairs and viewed a comic opera.

A Seven Days' Recessional

BY LIZZIE GAINES WILCOXON

It's no use denying that Friday is an unlucky day. No person of sense would think of disputing it. Of course, there are freaks who claim that it is their "lucky" day. But there are also people who write left-handed, and people who entertain a fondness for red ant fricassee. But the normal human will acknowledge

to himself, if not to the public, that Friday is an unlucky day.

This was the strongest article in Mabel's creed. She never planned anything, of however little importance, for a Friday. A dress tried on on Friday was certain to be a misfit. A hat purchased on Friday was sure to prove unbecoming.

In spite of her caution, a Friday seldom passed but entailed some little unpleasantness. Perhaps the breakfast muffins were not light; perhaps she failed to get an expected letter; sometimes her bosom friend called in a handsomer gown than Mabel could afford. To be sure, these things might and did frequently occur on any of the other six days; but somehow there seemed to be a peculiarly malignant tinge to their effect on Friday.

It was surely a fate invoked by all the imps of mischief that brought Perry McGreth that Friday afternoon. Puck and his playfellows must have been holding high carnival. Mabel's fluffy hair snarled, and after a fifteen minutes' siege she finally succeeded in getting it into an unbecoming knot, that simply reflected maliciousness, so hard and unbecoming it appeared to Mabel. Pins tore, and laces jagged; hooks straightened out, and seams and ruffles parted stitches with unremitting faithfulness that was almost monotonous. At last it culminated in a long and bloody streak across the back of her left hand.

In spite of this bad beginning, such a tragic ending could never have come to pass except on a Friday. Perry McGreth, being a young medical student, was just the one to prescribe for that ugly scratch. In order to do this it was necessary to examine it, of course. A full-fledged doctor does not examine a wound at the length of a room; and if one ripe in experience requires at least reasonable propinquity, how much more the mere student!

While such proximity was recognized as essential to the occasion, yet the way in which it was prolonged was not conducive to serious foreknowledge of one's imminent acts. Fifteen minutes after Mabel was in the room, though ecstatically happy, both Mabel and McGreth were surprised to find themselves engaged.

It happened so unexpectedly and yet so naturally! They were yet in the first mazes of a bewildering delight, when Mabel exclaimed, "Oh, Perry!" and looked so horrified that Perry almostnot quite-let go her hand.

"What is it, sweetheart?"

"This is Friday," she announced in tones fraught with agitation.

"Well, what of it?" said Perry, to whom Friday was as any other day.

"What of it? Perry, we have become

engaged on Friday!"

Perry laughed and kissed her. Clearly he was quite unaffected by this shocking piece of information. But Mabel drew

"Perry, we must break our engagement. It will never be lucky. We can become engaged again to-morrow," she said.

At first Perry declined to take the proposition seriously; then he got annoyed; then he got angry; then she got angry; and, presto! The deed was done. The engagement was broken. The door had slammed. Perry was gone and Mabel sat amidst the ruins of her romanceweeping.

"I will never, never, NEVER speak to him again!" she stormed.

That was on Friday.

"I will never, never speak to him again." That was on Saturday. And she sat looking out the window; a forlorn little body, with a scratched hand looking very pitiful bandaged in a white strip of linen.

Perry McGreth chanced to pass the house just at that time, and though he did not, as far as the eye could discern, turn his head, yet he caught a glimpse of the little figure crumpled up on the windowseat, and his resolution almost failed him. However, he remembered her unreasonableness and hardened his heart.

Mabel wept.

"I will never speak to him again!"

That was on Sunday.

She knelt devoutly in her pew, knowing full well how becoming a devotional attitude was. She managed strategically, by turning to arrange her skirt, or in rising and kneeling, to cast a glance backward toward the locality where Perry had sat for so many Sundays in the past, offering devotions to the back of her head. He was not there. The sermon was unconscionably long; the prayers most uninspiring; the singing merciless; and the people after church absolutely unendurable. She hurried home; undressed; put on a kimono; read Robert Elsmere; and

"Will I ever see him again?" That was on Monday.

"Will I never—n-e-v-e-r—see you again? Oh, Perry!"

Tuesday.

"Miss-ee s-e-e-k?"

That from Tsune Sabora, called Buddha—the little Japanese servant, late from the Flowery Kingdom, and exceedingly limited as to personal stature and English language. Buddha was more decorative than useful at all times, and his acquisition of English was so limited as to render his services uncertain at all times, and oft-

times actually perilous.

But Buddha's heart was in the right place. He loved Miss-ee and it grieved him to see her grieve. At least five times a week he slid softly into the pretty little drawing-room in his sandaled feet, and served tea to Miss-ee and an exceedingly tall and splendid man. Now the Man came no more and Miss-ee wept. Buddha sighed with comprehension and Oriental sympathy. He waved his flowing sleeves and balanced on his sandals. It was Miss-ee's whim that he should wear his native garb about the house, and for this he loved her just a little more. The closefitting casements of American dress were both uncomfortable and hideous to Bud-

On Wednesday he was summoned to

Miss-ee's presence.

She sat beside a table. On the table lay a book in blue and gold; a teakwood box with wondrous carvings, and inside a wrist circlet of curiously wrought silver and gold; on top of that a photograph of

the Tall One himself.

Miss-ee placed her hand alternately upon the picture and upon her heart; and talked. Buddha did not understand more than an occasional word, but he knew she spoke of the Tall One, for she looked frequently at the picture. Though no tears came, her eyes were very, very sad. Then slowly and sadly she bound the picture, the book and the teakwood box into a parcel; wrapped them in white paper and tied them with a silken cord. She gave Buddha a card, and explained by process of pantomime with her hand, her heart and the parcel, that upon the card was written the Tall One's name and house number; and at last it was borne in upon Buddha that he was to carry a message to

the Tall One. Miss-ee pressed the card into one hand and the parcel into the other.

"Sank you, Miss-ee; sank you; sank you!" murmured Buddha, backing to the door, faint, overdone! That Miss-ee should make him a present of such a hand-some book—he could enjoy looking at the beautiful pictures even if he couldn't read it—the gorgeous circlet, and the beloved picture of the Tall One, almost burst Buddha's heart with love and gratitude.

Then he contemplated his mission. He was about to become a messenger for the God of Love; he, alas! so unworthy! That night he purified himself with many baths, burning of incense and dashing of perfumes. The next morning very early he called upon all of his gods to be with him and set forth upon his mission, bearing the bit of pasteboard, likewise a Japanese-English lexicon.

The Tall One received him, after much delay, in a robe as comfortable and beautiful as that of a Japanese prince; and Buddha's admiration and respect rose an

hundred points.

Upon seeing Buddha and recognizing him, the Tall One became pale.

"Is she ill?"

Buddha bowed low seven times in succession, with his hand on his heart; drew his breath in sharply between his teeth seven times.

"He thinks this is a gymnastic training school," observed the Tall One, scowling

with impatience.

At last Buddha saw fit to remain in a perpendicular posture. He produced his Lexicon and, rapidly turning over the leaves, presented a page and with his slim brown finger pointed to a word. The Tall One read—"Love-sick." His face got red, and he looked with puzzled inquiry at Buddha, who was busily hunting through the leaves. Presently he pointed out "Heart-broken"; and then, while the Tall One was trying to adjust his comprehension, Buddha's pointed, filbert-tipped finger was indicating—"Tears, weeping, sobs, lamentations."

The Tall One gasped.

Buddha pointed out, "Come," and immediately again, "Hurry, rush, haste."

The Tall One gasped and stared wildly. Once more Buddha held up the book.

This time-"Die, decease, perish, depart,

vanish, disappear."

Without further ceremony the Tall One began to rush madly about the room in preparation of a toilet that to Buddha's eye was much inferior to the handsome gown he then wore, and Buddha, seeing that his message was understood, and that his services were no longer needed, closed his dictionary and bowed himself out, hissing courteously through his clenched teeth.

He was happy. The gods had been most kind and helpful; surely, who should be happier than one who has been so suc-

cessful?

He was not surprised, therefore, to be summoned, as in the weeks before last, to serve tea in the drawing-room, and his heart with joy and thankfulness almost rose out of his throat when he saw Missee's eyes misty with happiness; and the Tall One there as before. They were both so tremendously happy that Buddha put his hand to his heart and bowed low a dozen times.

Some days later, Miss-ee chanced to be on the servants' floor to see a maid who was ill. Buddha was burning incense in his own particular den. This attracted Miss-ee's attention and she tapped lightly at the door. Buddha opened, and seeing Miss-ee there, spread wide his hands and executed a series of bows.

Miss-ee smiled and patted his round

brown cheek.

"Let me see your gods, Buddha," she said, stepping lightly inside, preceded

by Buddha, bowing still.

On the deal table beneath the dormer window, was a little pagoda and a little wooden Daibuts. A tiny glass of wine, not bigger than a little girl's thimble; and a frail china dish, not larger than a teaspoon, containing some rice, were placed in front of the pagoda. There was a wee incense lamp, sending up a wee white curling smoke. There was—and Miss-ee's eyes were never destined to be more astonished

—a handsome book in blue and gold; on top of which rested a teakwood box, with the lid open, showing inside a gorgeous circlet of silver and gold; and beside the two stood a very handsome photograph of a tall man.

Buddha observed with delighted eyes that Miss-ee saw; and he bowed low, very low, with his hand on his heart.

"Sank you, Miss-ee."

Miss-ee departed with dazed, scared eyes, leaving the treasures there.

No mention had been made of them, of course, between her and the Tall One. If it had not been the returning of these gifts to him that had brought him around, then, what was it? Buddha went to him, she knew, for Buddha had reported, immediately upon his return, the simple fact that he had been. It was a puzzle that Buddha should possess them legitimately, as he evidently did, for he was pleased and proud to have her see them.

"Perry," she said, that evening, "how did Buddha—er, that is, Perry, did you ever give Buddha any presents—tell him he might keep—er, have, anything, Perry?"

"No," said Perry, "though I intend to give him the finest present money can buy as soon as I find out what his Oriental heart is set most deeply on. I owe the happiness of my life to Buddha."

Mabel blushed; but still she puzzled. "Well, Perry, then I should like to know how he came by some things that you—that I—well, that were yours once—I gave them to Buddha to—to—you—you know, that morning, Perry."

"Well?"

"Well, Buddha has them now. He seems to think they are his. He doesn't try to hide them."

For one moment Perry reflected. Then light came. He said nothing; reflecting that by the time Buddha could speak enough English to explain his side of the story, they should be married.

As Jean Ingelow puts it, "Some men are such gentlemen."

The Spoil of the Egyptian

BY CHARLES MATTHIAS

It was undoubtedly getting low water for the two of them-Messrs. James Stewart and Onésime Beaujeu. had done little or nothing since they arrived in San Ildefonso, not because there was not plenty of gambling going on in the camp, but because they had been "barred out" of every game that amounted to anything. Their polite requests to be allowed to "sit in" at poker were met by equally polite evasions or by blunt refusals.

"You pilgrims are just a shade too slick," was a favorite form of response when the two gentlemen adventurers sought to participate. "You outclass us simple miners, and we don't want any of

vour game."

Of course, you can't quarrel with a man because he refuses to play cards with you, and, anyway, as Mr. Beaujeu remarked, it was a compliment paid to the skill of the firm when its members were barred out.

Compliments, however, do not constitute a cash asset, and the firm of Stewart & Beaujeu was getting to a situation where it must soon be necessary to take stock of resources and map out a new

campaign.

The senior partner favored a return to San Francisco, where there was always something doing in their line. The junior had a fancy for opening a faro game and staying with the San Ildefonso citizenry a while longer. This notion Mr. Stewart vigorously-and with some show of reason-opposed, arguing that, if the camp wouldn't play poker with them, it certainly would not go up against their faro proposition, since the opportunities for the introduction and manipulation of "brace boxes" and similar vanities made faro a far more uncertain game than poker. Besides, as he pointed out, the joint capital of the firm was not large enough to stand even a small run of ill luck, which might happen to the most

"No, Beaujeu," said he as they sat

together in front of the Little Grizzly Saloon discussing their affairs-"no, we must evolve some other method of increasing our assets, and as it seems to me that we are getting mighty well and unfavorably known along this railroad, I am disposed to think that we should change the venue." Mr. Stewart had been trained for a lawyer, and occasionally used a legal phrase. "I think, too," he continued, "that we might do well to find some other proposition than card-playing for a while. The proletariat is getting disgustingly shy of us."

Mr. Beaujeu was about to reply when his attention was attracted by a horseman, who came down the one street of the mining camp, lashing his horse furiously and leaving behind him a cloud of sand

and alkali dust.

"'Cre nom!" exclaimed Mr. Beaujeu, reverting to the abbreviated exclamation of his native tongue, "this gentleman makes haste to go somewhere, n'est ce

pas?"

"He does," returned Mr. Stewart. "He probably wants a drink—or, by Moses" breaking off suddenly-"it's Pete the stage driver on one of the stage horses. Doings, Beaujeu! doings!"

The horseman came closer and closer and finally drew rein in front of the Little Grizzly, sprang to the ground and shouted to the little crowd which had quickly

gathered:

"They held me up in Blue Cañon, shot

Jackson and got the treasure box!"
"The hell!" returned the entire con-

"Yes; two of 'em there was-one a good, big, husky pilgrim with blue overalls and a corduroy coat, and the other not so big, with khaki coat and pants. Both of 'em with Winchesters and both of 'em masked. It was the big one that got poor Jackson when he reached for the sawed-off shotgun-drilled him through the breastbone. Then they made me throw down the treasure box, blew it open with glycerine, cut loose the two leaders, got on 'em,



DRAWN BY WALTER J. ENRIGHT

"The firm of Stewart and Beaujeu."

and rode up the cañon. I tied one of the wheelers to the hind wheel and rode this other one over. And I'll give fifty dollars to pull the rope on that big feller if we catch him," concluded the stage driver in wrath and bitterness.

By this time the entire population of San Ildefonso, including Piutes, Mexicans and Chinamen, had gathered in front of the Little Grizzly. Men were shouting to one another, asking for the loan of a horse or a Winchester, and a pursuing party was soon being made up.

Mr. Stewart was not greatly interested, having seen a good deal of this sort of thing during a somewhat vivid and strenuous career in pursuit of fortune west of the Missouri River. He watched the crowd idly, and wondered whether somebody in it might not know the bandits, since it looked as if they came from the neighborhood, being on foot. He was still on this line of thought when he caught a glimpse of the railroad agent—the man who attended to the business of the express company in San Ildefonso.

This man was excited and worried, which was natural enough. He started when the driver told of the killing of the guard, and that was natural enough, too. But it seemed to Mr. Stewart, whose profession had made him a close observer of men's faces at the poker table, that the man was really less perturbed than he appeared to be. He made a good deal of noise as he strode about vociferating that the company would surely offer a big reward for the capture of the road agents.

Mr. Stewart, who believed that the proper study of mankind is man, watched the agent closely for quite a while. Then he nudged Beaujeu with his elbow. The Canadian glanced up quickly and the two walked away from the crowd.

"Beaujeu," said Mr. Stewart, when they were by themselves, "unless I have missed my guess we are in the way to do some business less wearisome and more profitable than playing two-bit ante with a gang of red necks. I think I have it."

"Ah," replied the Canadian—Mr. Beaujeu was from the province of Quebec, where his forbears, from the sunny fields of Normandy, had settled long enough ago—"ah, you mean that we shall go out and hunt these bandits."

"Not exactly," replied Mr. Stewart with some impatience. "You and I, Beaujeu, haven't lost any road agents. Why should we hunt for them? I have another idea."

Forthwith Mr. Stewart communicated his suspicions and outlined a plan that he had in mind.

"But, my good friend," protested Beaujeu, "surely it is of no use. Will they not most certainly load that stage down with guards for many weeks to come?"

"Very likely they will," said Mr. Stewart, "but, unless I am entirely wrong in my deductions, that will make no difference in the working of my scheme. Anyway, it is worth trying. Go get ready and start for Los Angeles on the Overland this evening."

"And you?"

"I stay here. I will telegraph you what to do as soon as I am convinced that I am right."

It was a tiresome wait for Mr. Beaujeu as he sat around hotels and billiard rooms in Los Angeles awaiting a communication from Mr. Stewart, and it was quite as irritating to the latter gentleman as he lounged in the Little Grizzly and bided his time. But it was impossible to hasten matters.

For, naturally enough, there was a good deal of buzzing around in the camp. A bunch of rough-and-ready citizens, headed by the resident deputy sheriff, sallied forth and drifted around on the desert in pursuit of the stage robbers, but they lost the trail in a sand-storm and came back to the camp hungry, thirsty and disgusted. The stage horses taken by the robbers turned up at their stable about the same time, ridden half to death and fagged out. Half a dozen railroad detectives came down from San Francisco, looked mysterious, drank a good deal of whisky in the course of their tour of the saloons and gambling houses, sat around the railroad station talking to one another and finally floated away, one by one, up or down the railroad. Jackson, the murdered guard, was buried in the cañon where he fell. Within a week only an occasional reference to the robbery was heard. It had become an old story. Two armed guards instead of one on the box with the stage driver testified to the alacrity with which the express company sought to lock the stable door after the disappearance of the

It leaked out that the robbers had made a good haul. Ordinarily the stage carried little that was valuable. On this particular day, however, there were money packages aggregating \$7,000 in the treasure box. It was the largest amount of money that had been carried during six months, and the general comment was that the road agents were lucky in their choice of a day for their hold-up. Mr. Stewart had his own opinion about the fortuitousness of the coincidence.

He strolled into the railroad station, anyway, about a week after the robbery, and had speech of the agent.

"No," said that functionary, "the detectives haven't found any trace of the rustlers, and I don't believe they will. either. It's my idea that they circled around to the railroad track after they left Pete in Blue Cañon, jumped a freight or the blind baggage at a water tank or on a grade, and got out of the country."

Mr. Stewart was glad to hear it. He was expecting a good big package of money by express himself shortly, as soon as he closed up a deal in the camp. He wouldn't like to send for it, though, if he thought those pilgrims were hanging around the district.

"You think, then," he inquired, surveying the agent with some evidence of anxiety, "that it would be perfectly safe to have the money sent here?"

The agent raised his eyes, and Mr. Stewart, gazing therein, saw, or fancied he saw, what he was looking for. To make sure of it, he tried again.

"It's a comfortable piece of money-\$12,000-" he said, "and it wouldn't be just agreeable to lose it."

. Once more the agent looked up quickly and once more Mr. Stewart saw what he was looking for. He no longer doubted. "My friend," said he, mentally addressing the agent, "if I were you I should wear smoked spectacles. You never would make a poker player."

He accepted, nevertheless, with much verbal satisfaction, the agent's assurance that there was no possible danger in having money expressed to San Ildefonso even if the stage route to Golconda might still be considered risky with two sawed-off shotguns guarding the treasure box. He was a very polite man-Mr. Stewartand knew how to express himself handsomely.

The next day he walked down to the station again and sent a telegram to the patient Beaujeu in Los Angeles. It read:

"Deal closed. Send me by express \$12,000 currency."

As he handed it to the agent, Mr.Stewart, still pursuing his studies in physiognomy, noted with satisfaction the same look in the gentleman's eyes, and he once more remarked mentally: "Smoked spectacles, by all means-smoked spectacles or green goggles, my friend."

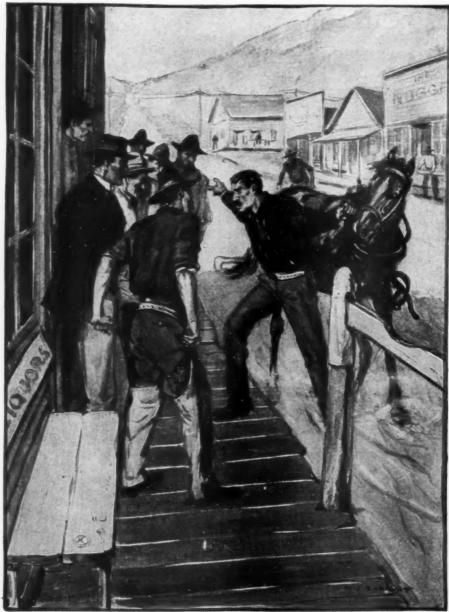
Two sunburned fellows who looked like miners or railroad section hands in their Sunday clothes-ready-made suits and brand-new sombreros - lounged in the waiting room as Mr. Stewart passed out, and to all appearance he did not notice them. But appearances are deceptive. for, still further pursuing his anthropological studies, Mr. Stewart noted them sharply out of the corner of his eye, noted that the two men stared hard at him, and noted-or thought he noted-that the agent gave them an almost imperceptible nod. He likewise noted that one of the men was slightly above and the other as much below the middle height.

He remarked to himself that he was interested and promised to sit down somewhere and figure it out.

By the next morning he had it figured out-or believed that he had-and in the afternoon, when he went to the railroad station to ask if his money package had arrived, he was not at all surprised to have it handed out with great promptness by the agent.

"Sign this receipt, please," said the railroad official.

"Wait a bit," returned Mr. Stewart; "I don't want this package just yet. My deal hangs fire, and I don't care to lug \$12,000 around this camp and sleep with it at night-not me!"



DRAWN BY WALTER J. ENRIGHT

"They held me up in Blue Cañon."

"Neither do I care to keep it," retorted the agent with some show of temper. "Don't I run a risk, too?".

art calmly, "but you and your company are paid for taking risks. You've got a big safe here; and what's more to the "You surely do," answered Mr. Stew- point, I don't have to take this package until I'm good and ready, and you know it. So there's no room for argument about it. You keep the package till I call for it."

The agent threw the thick, brown envelope back into the safe with a sulky air, and as Mr. Stewart walked out he once more observed out of his eye that the two sunburned citizens were again lounging in the waiting room. He also fancied that he noted another glance pass between them and the agent.

"If I had that package in my pocket," he remarked confidentially to himself, "I certainly wouldn't feel like taking any evening strolls around this town. I apprehend it would be quite insalubrious."

By this time he had stopped figuring or guessing. He said to himself that he knew. He felt like a general who has mapped out a piece of strategy and sees it work out, piece by piece, just as he planned it. He waited two days more and then went to the railroad station again. The agent was as active and ready as before.

"You want that package, I suppose?" he said, turning to the safe.

"Guess again, amigo," said Mr. Stewart blandly. "You have it wrong. I don't want the package. On the contrary, the deal is all but off. Unless it is fixed up to-night—and I don't think it will be—I shall express the money back to Los Angeles to-morrow, since I have no fancy for carrying it around with me, and there's no bank here to put it in."

The expression on the agent's face almost caused Mr. Stewart to laugh, but he consoled the functionary with the remark that the money would be off his hands and off his mind by the next day. Then he passed out of the station. The two rustlers were lounging about as usual, and Mr. Stewart once more tendered himself congratulations upon the fact that it was not necessary for him to be abroad with a big package of money upon his person. He likewise made a prediction to himself, coupled with some advice. Said he:

"Mr. Stewart, you are a gentleman of modest and retiring disposition. You do not like excitement and, unless I have greatly missed my calculation, something exciting is going to break loose in this camp to-night. Therefore, let me advise you, as a quiet and conservative citizen, to conduct yourself soberly and circumspectly this afternoon, and go to bed early to-night. Thus, though the heathen rage and the wicked imagine a vain thing, your record shall be clear and all shall be well with you."

Mr. Stewart acted on this sober and conservative advice. He sat around the Little Grizzly during the afternoon, playing a few games of cribbage for cigars, and in the evening he repaired to his shack hotel—the only house of public entertainment in the camp where there were sheets on the bunks—and, professing a slight indisposition, went early to bed. Not only that, but he went to sleep—the sleep of the virtuous man who has no fellowship with sinners nor part in wicked deeds. Mr. Stewart slumbered serenely.

It must have been some hours after midnight when he was awakened by a dull boom, followed by a ripple of pistol shots. These latter—the pistol shots—were not uncommon nocturnal sounds in San Ildefonso, but the dull boom was something new. Yet it did not surprise Mr. Stewart as he lay in his bunk listening for further developments.

"I think," he finally said to himself in another burst of confidence, "I think that something has broken loose, as I predicted, and I would wager as much as a red chip that it has broken loose down in the vicinity of the railroad station. I hear our population beginning to hum around pretty briskly, so that it may be as well to arise and become interested in the proceedings."

This was not difficult, seeing that Mr. Stewart's bedroom door opened into the rather commodious apartment which was at once the hotel office, the barroom and the gambling attachment thereof.

"What is it?" inquired he of the first man he saw as he emerged from his sleeping quarters in shirt and trousers.

"Railroad station held up; safe blown open; express money swiped and agent plugged through the shoulder with a 45-caliber bullet."

"Hurt bad?" pursued Mr. Stewart ungrammatically, but in conformance with the vernacular of the region.

"Well, he's circulatin' around cussin' quite free, so I reckon he didn't get it very bad."

Mr. Stewart "reckoned" so too, in his mind, but he said nothing. He was uninterested. He did not take the trouble to elicit the details of the hold-up. Instead, he calmly went back to bed and went to sleep again. He calculated that the details would keep. He was right about it. They did not evaporate for several days. Coming so soon after the stage hold-up, the occurrence naturally fluttered the detective dovecotes in 'Frisco and Los

Angeles quite considerably.

For the next day the railroad detectives came swooping down upon San Ildefonso again, with others of their tribe from private agencies and a detachment of amateurs bringing up the rear. The saloons did a rushing business once more. Mystery again lurked and leered from dark corners. The entire camp had to prove an alibi-and did it. The two "rustlers" had disappeared, of course. They had been seen by section hands on the "blind baggage" of the Sunshine limited well along to San Buenaventura, and that meant that they were, in all probability, safe somewhere in the San Mateo valley.

The agent's wound had proved trifling, as Mr. Stewart intuitively knew it would. He-the agent, not Mr. Stewart-told how he had been aroused from slumber his sleeping room adjoining the ticket Lice by two masked men, who ordered him to get up and open the safe. At the risk of his life he refused, whereupon they bound him, poured nitroglycerin in the cracks of the safe door, took the blankets from his bed and threw them over the safe to deaden the noise of the explosion, and blew the safe door off. They took the railroad's money and the express packages and made off. Being insecurely bound, he quickly struggled free from his bonds, and, securing his revolver, he ran out and fired at the robbers as they disappeared into the sage brush near the water They returned his fire and wounded him in the shoulder. That was all.

The agent was plainly exercised over the robbery, but it looked as if he had done all that could be expected of him, even at the risk of his life. He was quite sympathetic with Mr. Stewart.

"I'm blamed sorry they got that package of yours, old man," he said. "I've been uneasy about that bunch of stuff ever since it landed here."

"Oh, it's all right," responded Mr. Stewart easily; "the company makes

good, doesn't it?"

"I don't doubt that it will, but it may take some little time and the delay may interfere with your deal."

"Don't you worry," said Mr. Stewart, looking the agent in the eye. "I'm willing to wait. What's the use of kicking, any-

way?"

"You're a game loser," said the agent, with a smile that only curled the corners

of his lips.

"What's the use of being anything else?" rejoined Mr. Stewart airily. "Everything's a gamble in this wicked world. Faro's a gamble; so is stud poker. Even robbing a stage coach or blowing a safe is a chanceful proceeding. You may strike it rich and you may get nothing at all. The man that can't take a losing gracefully has no business to gamble, which is to say that he has no right to live."

The agent listened with some constraint to this philosophy, which, though interesting, was perhaps not entirely in keeping

with the occasion.

"Of course, I want this thing settled as soon as possible, however," continued Mr. Stewart, "and I rely on your help. I'm going to Los Angeles. There my partner and I shall present our claim to the proper officials. All we want from you is a plain statement. It's a clear enough case, isn't it—no room for a fight?"

"None at all. You had the money here and it's been stolen. No chance for argu-

ment. I'll help you all I can."

Mr. Stewart mentally commended this resolution, though, when he thought of something he had in his mind, a smile would play over his face, only to be succeeded by the most somber and even dismal of facial expressions.

The agent, at all events, was as good as his word. There was some hemming and hawing on the part of the express people. They wanted to compromise for less than the \$12,000 and they wanted to



"The two men stared hard at him."

put off a settlement on one pretext or another. But the case was plain enough. Mr. Beaujeu had the receipt for the package upon which he had paid the charges; the package had been delivered to the company and the company could not produce it. There was no disputing the facts.

The consummation of it all was that at the end of four days the claim agent handed Mr. Beaujeu a check for \$12,000 in full satisfaction of the claim. That gentleman and Mr. Stewart forthwith started for the effete East. For one reason and another they deemed the climate of the glorious West temporarily inconducive to entire health and happiness. They had an adventure in New York which is worth a story by itself. They—but never mind that episode now.

It was two years later, in San Francisco, that Mr. Stewart was strolling along Market Street, prosperous and peaceful, when a man hailed him. Mr. Stewart gave one glance at him, and then, in emulation of William Nye on a certain occasion, he softly went for his revolver. The man was the station agent at San Ildefonso.

He laughed.

"You needn't be afraid," he said. "I was a little put out at first, but I got over it long ago. Remember what you said about a man takin' a gambling chance? Well, I got on to your meaning later. Things are not always what they look like from the outside."

"No?" said Mr. Stewart pleasantly, but keeping his hand under his coat tails nevertheless. "No; for instance, an express package that purports to contain \$12,000 may hold nothing but sheets of brown paper cut to

the size of bank notes."

"Yes," responded Mr. Stewart, laughing outright, "and a faithful express agent may be in cahoots with road agents and safe blowers. What became of your two friends?" he inquired with curiosity.

The ex-agent made a wry face, jerked his thumb over his shoulder and replied:

"San Quentin."

There is a state's prison at San Quentin.

"And you?"

"Me? Oh, I'm selling a patent can opener. It's not the most profitable business in the world, but, since the express company dumped me on general principles, though they couldn't prove anything against me, things haven't been coming my way in baskets. You look like ready money, though."

"I am," responded Mr. Stewart promptly, "and I happen to have some of it with me. Here are five golden twenties to keep the can opener trade booming. But I don't think 'Frisco is a good place for can openers. Strikes me it's a poor climate, too."

The former servant of a great railroad corporation was equally prompt.

"I've just had that idea occur to me, too," he said. "I'll get out of here tonight. So long."

"So long," replied Mr. Stewart as he resumed his walk up Market Street, with a reminiscent smile upon his face.

The Retirement of Riley

BY MAITLAND LEROY OSBORNE

Riley had been superintendent of construction for the C. & W. for a matter of eighteen years. Back of that he had been foreman of a section gang; tradition had it that as a barefooted boy he carried water for the transit-men who made the preliminary survey for the right of way.

A wiry little Irishman was Riley, with a temper like gunpowder, a tongue like vitriol, the heart of a woman and a fist like an iron mallet. He was quick as a cat, utterly fearless, and believed his own department to be the most important of the system. There were times too when it was.

When the spring rains brought down the snow from the hills in foaming torrents of yellow water, threatening to sweep track, bridges and rolling stock bodily into the valley, Riley patrolled the system like an uneasy spirit. Not merely eight, or ten, or twelve hours a day was he on watch at such times, but often and often for forty-eight at a stretch he kept his finger on the pulse of the flood; dodging from point to point where danger threatened, dropping from regular passenger trains or way freights between stations to

sharply question lonely track-walkers, making comet-like dashes with shrieking engines in the wild blackness of stormy nights from end to end of the system, or crawling snail-like up long grades on a hand-car with an eye for every pebble displaced by the surging waters, his ear attuned to catch the murmuring trickle of every rivulet burrowing its way beneath the snow. Eating spasmodically lunch-rooms scattered along the way, snatching a few winks of sleep between stops, curled like a cat in a seat in the smoker of a passenger train or with chin on knees on the fireman's seat of a locomotive, he was the embodiment of restless, purposeful, resourceful activity.

Riley's engineering was of the practical, rather than the theoretical sort. Given men enough and material enough and he would have built a viaduct from Maine to California, or bridged the Atlantic, in record-breaking time, but if asked for an advance estimate of the cost or time required he would have snorted disgustedly, "How do you suppose I know, until it's

done?"

There came a time when Riley's rule-

of-thumb system, though eminently satisfactory in results, ceased to be honored in practice. Concurrently with the advent of a new general manager and an influx of Eastern capital, premonitory of a general expansion of the system, came a general overturning of the time-honored methods of housekeeping on the C. & W. Heads grown gray in the service of the road were toppled remorselessly from still sturdy shoulders, and a day dawned when such of the old guard as gathered at review kept step to a measure vastly different from the one they had learned to tread.

Expansion, new business, more territory, was the order of the day. We were to take toll of the vast wheat fields to the northwest, and a branch line was to be pushed through the hills, across the Arapahoe and out into the fertile plain beyond. An order came from the General Manager for Riley to submit with haste an estimate of cost and time. Riley's reply in substance ran: "I'll build it as quick as I can, and as cheap as I can, and that's as quick and as cheap as any man—figure it up yourself."

"Fire Riley," said the General Manager briefly, and forwarded hot-foot a clean-collared individual who built the proposed extension in beautiful white lines on blue paper and figured the cost and time to a cent and a minute before a shovelful of dirt had been turned.

Riley took his dismissal philosophically. "I've written my name on the hills with five hundred miles of track and eighteen bridges and trestles," said he. "Now I'll raise some pigs." Fine pigs were his weakness and his recreation.

Parrish, the new man, was building his reputation along with the roadbed, and he built well—and quickly. Like a thousand-legged centipede the track crawled on its tortuous way among the hills, across gullies, and around the granite-buttressed breastworks of the Rockies till the turgid yellow water of the sullen Arapahoe barred its way. Then the feverish activity of the little army of workers was transmuted into seeming madness. Hour after hour and day after day hoarse-voiced engines hurried breathlessly up and down, dragging load after

load of iron beams and rods and posts and girders, and rivets in hundreds of kegs, dumping them by the river's brink and hurrying away for more.

Then began the clang of iron on iron, the shrill screams of the drills and the endless rattle of the riveting sledges, while bare-armed workers, swinging at dizzy heights, tossed red-hot rivets recklessly to and fro, or clambered spiderlike from point to point of the web that presently began to take shape and substance above the hurrying water.

There came a day when the last girder had been swung to its appointed place, the last rivet driven firmly home, and the north and south banks of the Arapahoe were bound together with bands of iron.

Riley, coming down on a work train to inspect the structure, dropped off near where I stood upon the bank and watched the cars crawl ant-like across the bridge.

"Well, Riley, what do you think of it?" I asked, after he had gazed long and thoughtfully.

"It's a wonderful bit of building," he said slowly, taking his short black pipe from beneath his teeth. "It's wonderful—I never thought to see the like of it—but——" he hesitated and shook his

"But you don't think it will stand?" I said.

"I have my doubts," he answered. "Man and boy I've fought the floods in these hills for thirty years. I've seen five miles of rock-ballasted track at a time swept away like a bit of rotten wood, and when a million tons of ice in cakes as big as a house come down-stream on the breast of the flood with two hundred miles of rampaging water pushing them on, I misdoubt if that spider web yonder stands the strain." Then he went away to look at his pigs, and the centipede that was the track of the C. & W. crawled out from among the hills upon the plain.

Months passed, while a golden stream from the wheat fields flowed into the coffers of the C. & W. In the fall we fought the forest fires along the tracks with fresh-turned furrows of cool earth, and in the winter we fought the smothering white masses of drifted snow with shovels and mighty ploughs, and then, in

the spring, "the rain descended and the floods came," and the spider web that bound the Arapahoe was put to the crucial test.

From the moment when the first ice cake, dashing itself into a thousand glittering fragments against the center arch, sent a mighty shiver of dread throughout the structure, the attention of an anxious group of watchers was riveted upon its fate. Parrish, white-faced but confident, stood a little apart from the rest. The hurrying yellow water that for days had been crawling higher and higher up the banks, clutching at trees and rocks with greedy fingers, was dotted with dozens of jagged ice cakes, leaping, whirling, tumbling about like porpoises at play. In an hour not dozens but hundreds of cakes were rushing by, not stopping now for play, but in a desperate hurry to get beyond the reach of the devouring monster in their rear. Another hour and the scattered cakes had become a seemingly solid mass, and hundreds, thousands of tons of ice, grinding, groaning, straining, heaving upon the breast of the flood, were moving resistlessly down upon the bridge.

"Crack!" Loud above the turmoil of the crashing ice cakes, above the beating of the rain and the howling wind, sounded a pistol-like report from the center of the bridge. At the sound I saw Parrish start and clench his hands. Then, in another moment, "Crack! crack! crack!" and suddenly the web of iron swayed violently as if shaken by a giant's hand, there came a deafening, grinding crash, and before our eyes it crumbled and collapsed. swept away at a breath like a bridge of cards.

"Send for Riley," said the General Manager grimly, gazing upon the ruin three hours later, and tramped moodily back and forth upon the bank in the rain while he waited.

The call boy sent to deliver the message

found Riley with his pipe in his mouth, contentedly watching the gambols of a litter of three-weeks-old pigs. "The bridge at the Arapahoe is gone, and the G. M. wants you right away. Number Two is waiting to take you up," said the boy.

"I had my doubts of that bridge standing," commented Riley, poking a critical forefinger into the bowl of his pipe. "You tell Slivers to wire the G. M. that if he wants to see me he can come where

I am."

That exalted individual, ankle-deep in the mud on the south bank of the Arapahoe, gasped and grew purple with indignation when Riley's message was conveyed to him. "What the devil——" he began explosively, gazed speechless for a moment out across the stream of tumbling ice cakes where Parrish's bridge had stood, then dove into his private car, radiating disgust and rage.

There is no authentic record of the interview that ensued between them, but when the General Manager's private car again drew up to the waiting group upon the bank, Riley, wearing his faded blue overalls, leisurely descended the steps, the old-time lust of battle shining in his eye, and one of the General Manager's fat black cigars between his teeth.

Casting a comprehensive glance over the waiting group, he walked straight to Parrish, leaning dejectedly against a rock, and dropped a kindly hand upon his shoulder. "Don't take it to heart, boy," he said. "When you've fought the water in these hills as many years as I have you'll know what to look for. I want you to stay and help me build a bridge here that'll stand as long as the water runs. Will you do it, boy?"

Parrish gazed for a moment into the shrewd, kindly eyes of the little Irishman, then impulsively grasped the hand out-

stretched to meet his own.

"I will," he said.



DRAWN BY HOWARD N. HEATH

"He again debated the day's ever-haunting problem."

Identification Waived

BY FRANK H. GASSAWAY

"Steady, old chap!" The speaker, one leg astride of a rail fence, cautiously swung the other over and dropped noiselessly on the further side, his gun at "ready." Five yards in front an Irish setter, its coat glowing like burnished bronze, stood at "point," one forepaw raised, and every muscle rigid with suppressed excitement.

Advancing with soundless skill, the master waved his hand, the dog sprang forward, and the sudden whirring roar of the rising quail was punctuated by two reports, a clean right and left that attested the gunner's skill.

But as the fluffs of feathers drifted on the breeze, and the ejectors threw the empty shells over his shoulder, the young sportsman, instead of quickly reloading as was his wont, stood gazing abstractedly at the smoke-exuding barrels, unmindful of the springing up, here and there, of the half-dozen laggard birds that always linger behind a suddenly flushed covey.

And it was not until the dog, evidently aggrieved by this unsportsmanlike indifference, had pushed the retrieved quarry into the mechanically responsive hand of its master that the latter emerged from his trance, and muttered for the twentieth time that morning, "What on earth was the matter with her? What could I have done?"

As no mental response came to this query, its maker moodily shouldered his gun, and, ignoring the indignant protest of the setter, which had marked the covey settle a few fields further on, took his way up the hillside, still immersed in gloomy speculation.

Handsome, well built, distinguished looking, and already at thirty a lawyer whose genuine success in his native city of Boston owed little to his family's high social position, or his father's wealth, Ralph Walkinshaw did not suggest a man easily crushed by any ordinary "she," but this year his vacation had ended in just such an unlooked-for disaster.

A Nimrod—bred in the bone—the young lawyer had for several years made it a habit to pass a winter month in California. He had found it more profitable, if somewhat more expensive, to desert the overshot and uncertain haunts of eastern game for the overstocked and unfailing preserves of the western coast. He had discovered that the best of quail and duck shooting could be had actually within sight of the "little Paris of the Pacific"—"Frisco"—and that the great deer range of Marin began at the very edge of the Golden Gate itself.

From the summit of the hill he climbed, the distant city could be seen, and now and then as he paused and looked backward the broad, placid waters of the upper bay carried the eye to the misty dimness of the further shore.

At last his oblique path up the oakdotted slope ended at a cañon some fifty yards in width, and here, lying at full length on the thick carpet of wild flowers that rimmed its edge, he again debated the day's ever-haunting problem.

This winter, as usual, he had made his headquarters at one of the all-the-year-round resorts not far from the bay, but this time he had met among its guests what he had come to believe was the sweetest, daintiest, queenliest and most lovable girl he had ever known. That she was a belle and a beauty was little to him. Belles and beauties were an old story. He had run the gauntlet from Narragan-sett to the Everglades. But that in Agnes Myndell he had found his "one fair woman" was—everything.

And for three weeks past, the happiness of that discovery had encompassed him. Day after day had the once insatiable hunter turned guiltily aside from the reproachful eyes of his wondering dog, to dream away the hours at her side. He golfed, pretended an interest in tennis that his eastern friends had never observed, drove Agnes over the country, devoutly resigned to the gait of the snail-paced country horses. He had even gone wild-flower gathering, and "ferning," pursuits which a month before he would have scornfully stigmatized as dudish, even "sissified."

And she? Had she not, only the evening before, given him the rose that had nestled in her bosom—and given it with a side glance from under her dark lashes,

that-

He sat up and drew from an inner pocket a little case that gave faintly forth the perfume that had seemed to fill the whole world up to the moment when, a few hours ago—it seemed months already—the end had come, the avalanche had fallen.

He smiled as he remembered how carefully he had dressed himself in the dandified new golf suit just arrived by express, and had hurried down to meet her, carefully explaining to his inner and less sentimental ego that the weather was too warm for the quail scent to lie properly.

As he had passed toward the breakfast room he had seen Agnes in eager conversation with an elderly matron, whom he recognized as a summer resident of the nearby town of San Rafael, and whose carriage had stopped in front of the gate. When the vehicle had finally driven on, Agnes came toward the porch, and he had advanced with outstretched hand, as was his morning custom. Not that it was necessary thus to salute a person he had seen half-hourly for days, but that the pleasure of grasping those soft taper fingers outweighed the want of conventionality to him.

But as he advanced she had stopped, drawn herself up haughtily, and with a look that measured him from head to heel, a look in which scorn, contempt, even hatred mingled in overflowing meas-

ure, she had swept past him.

White-faced and stunned, he had staggered back, his cruel mortification hardly increased by the fact that some gossiping women at the end of the porch had wit-

nessed his humiliation.

And after that, when he had pulled himself together and sent a note to her room, which was returned unopened, he had seized his gun and called the fourfooted adorer, whose affection nothing could change, and taken to the fields. Anything to hide his misery and bitterness.

And this was her rose. He poured the withered petals into his palm. Yes, it

was dead-like his hopes.

With a half-ironical smile at the sentiment of the thing, he drew his knife and dug a tiny trench beside a sprig of bluebells—he had once likened her eyes to twin bluebells—and in it buried the broken flower.

As he fell back again with a sigh, his eyes, wandering idly to the opposite side of the cañon, caught a glimpse of a figure slowly descending the further slope. There was no mistaking that daintily erect carriage, that rounded outline.

He knew that Agnes loved the open air, but it must indeed have been some unusual desire for exercise that had brought her so far from the hotel, and alone.

She moved slowly, as if in thought. In one hand she carried a book, now and then kneeling to gather wild flowers with

the other.

Lying on his side, and hidden by the lush grass, he watched her until, reaching the further edge of the cañon, she sat down, her back against an oak, and opened



"Some gossiping women had witnessed his humiliation."



DRAWN BY HOWARD N. HEATH

"Gazing into the distance in a pensive day-dream."

her book. But presently the volume sank unheeded into her lap, and he saw that she was gazing into the distance in a pensive day-dream.

As he lay wrapt in a reverie as deep as her own, and thinking how much wider than the cañon was the real gulf between them, a sudden low growl from his dog recalled his attention.

The animal's alert eyes were fixed where, half-way down the oppostie slope, a patch of wild mustard ran to near its upper edge. In another moment the head of a man cautiously appeared above the growth and peered in the direction of the unconscious girl above.

"Some rustic hunter," Ralph absently thought. But as the climber's figure came into view, as it passed an open space between two clumps, the watcher gave a sudden start and crawled closer to the edge. The stealthilymoving figure was that of a young man, his face grimed, hag-gard and emaciated, and with the look of a starved wolf. A tattered, sun-faded blue cotton shirt covered his shoulders. while his trousers. of some blanket-like stuff, were so caked and daubed with mud that it needed the keen sight of the hunter to detect the places, here and there, where the broad black stripes of the convict garb defied this desperate attempt to obliterate them.

Walkinshaw instinctively turned his

head toward the bay. Miles away, its huge buildings capping the furthest point on the shore like a sinister red scar on Nature's placid breast, he saw the penitentiary of San Quentin, and with the thought recalled an account of the escape of three of its prisoners he had seen in the papers two days previous.

With a motion of his hand enjoining silence upon his dog, the young man seized his gun and slid noiselessly backward until, gaining the cover of the trees, he began ascending his own side of the hill with the cautious nimbleness he had learned in deer stalking. A hundred yards higher up, the *crevasse* suddenly narrowed, and leaping to the further side he made his way downward toward the unconscious girl.

Ten feet back of the tree against which she sat ran a fence-like line of manzanita bushes, and into them he stepped and waited. He realized that if the convict should attack Agnes his own appearance would need no explanation, while, if that should not happen, she would naturally consider his intrusion as premeditated.

As he hesitated a twig snapped twenty yards away and the convict rushed out toward the girl, poising a huge club.

"Gimme your money quick, or I'll—"

At the hoarse snarl the girl had sprung to her feet. After a terrified glance at the terrible figure with its bloodshot eyes, she for a moment turned as if to fly. Behind her was the steep, bush-tangled hill, at her side the cañon—there was no escape.

With a steadiness of her features that her admirer wondered at, she unhooked from her belt a small silver satchel, and threw it on the ground before her.

"There is not much in it," she said, with only a suspicion of tremor in her voice, as her assailant picked it up, "but it is all I have with me."

"Drop it!"

Both robber and robbed stared at each other as the sharp, authoritative command rang out, and the next moment Walkinshaw stepped into view.

"Drop it!" he repeated quietly, with a significant motion of the gun toward his

shoulder.

Absolutely desperate men will often take the chances of a pistol shot, sometimes even that of a rifle, but with that—at short range—deadliest of all weapons, a shotgun, there is no possible argument. The purse dropped at the robber's feet.

"Back off, Mr. Convict, and drop that club—so," said the hunter in a voice of matter-of-fact urbanity, and as the criminal complied, he picked up and returned the purse with a grave bow.

"Be seated," he said to the girl, returning to his own original position. She hesitated a moment, and then, as the convict, his nerve and strength suddenly deserting him, sank first upon his knee and then upon his side, she silently resumed her former seat.

They made a strange triangle, those three, the beautiful, highbred girl in her natty golf suit, the handsome, highbred young man in his latest-fashion shooting garb, and the forlorn wretch, his close-cropped head bound by a strip of gunny sack, his whole appearance more miserable and un-human than the rancher's scarecrow from which he had filched part of his tattered garments. As he half crouched, half lay, staring at the ground with an expression of exhaustion and hopeless stupor upon his drawn, brierscratched face, the others saw that he was a mere boy—scarcely of age.

"And now," said Walkinshaw, sitting down tailor fashion, his gun across his lap, "what did you want that money for, my lad?"

The convict raised his head slowly, as if puzzled by the easy gentleness of the other's voice.

"'Cause I wus starvin', and dead beat," he said wearily. "Nothing to eat sence yesterday mornin', 'cept an egg I found in er hay stack."

"So I thought," said the hunter, and taking from his game bag his untouched lunch box, he tossed it to the escaped man. "Eat that—there's no hurry."

The fugitive tried to speak, but choked. Instead he seized the box with feverish haste, and ate like a famished wolf. In a few minutes the last crumb had disappeared, and, at an assenting nod from Walkinshaw, he drained the pint bottle of claret at a single draught.

A tremulous "Oh!" came from the girl. She was leaning forward absorbed in the convict's movements, her eyes moist with a divine pity. She made an appealing movement toward her rescuer.

"And now," went on that composed person, with the serene gravity of a judge on the bench, 'what did you intend doing afterwards?"

"I allowed," said the fugitive, "that maybe I could get over the hills yonder to the coast, and buy some grub off the Dago fishermen."

"In those clothes?"

"I sorter schemed to take 'em off over by one of the fishing camps, and put up a story that they'd been stole while I was in swimmin'. I thought up that plan last night."

"And then?"

"Maybe I could work up along the coast to some lumber schooner landing, and maybe——"

Walkinshaw shook his head. "They'd

get you."

"They don't use hounds here, I heard tell," and the lad glanced nervously toward the far-off prison.

"No, but they use the telegraph. It's a small world, thanks to Mr. Morse. You'd lose your credits, too. Why did

you try it?"

"I couldn't help it—I just couldn't," and the fugitive's voice grew shrill and intense. "I had been in two years and had six more to go—and nobody knew, not even mother. When she did know, I allowed it would kill her—it would shorely. So I couldn't stand it no more. I was goin' nutty. I'd rather take the chances of the guards, and the Gatlings, and everything. I just couldn't stand it."

"What were you in for?"

"Nuthin'—nuthin', as I really knows on. Oh! yes," and he clutched the grass in bitter intensity, "I know we all gets the ha! ha! when we says that, but it's true in my case."

"Tell us about it."

"It was thisaway. I came from Tennessee. I was raised to the metal sign cutting trade. There was nothin' doing down thataway three years ago, so I drifted about, and at last come West. It was pretty hard sleddin' out here, too, in my line, and I went hungry now and then. One day up in Sacramento, I got a job making signs for a new beer saloon, but the man made me take half my pay in drinks. Well, one night, after drinking myself stupid thataway-I never could stand liquor—I got in with an oldish man, and his friend, a young fellow about my size and with red hair, too, like me. They told me next day that I had played cards and gone about with them two strangers all night and most of the next morning. The next night I was pulled out of bed and

arrested for passing a forged check at one of the banks. At the trial the cashier said he could swear to my hair and coat and cap, and besides, a ten-dollar bill I couldn't account for was found in my pocket. So they made out I did it."

"And did you?"

"I dunno-I dunno-I dunno!" cried the fugitive, looking from one of his hearers to the other with pitiable indecision. "Maybe it was me them fellows sent to cash the check, and maybe it was the other young fellow with my coat and cap. I was drunk-blind drunk-and don't remember nuthin'-not nuthin'. found me guilty. The court lawyer who spoke for me said about two out of every three of that judge's decisions was reversed, and for five hundred dollars he'd get me a new trial. But I hadn't no money, and they sent me up for ten. But I didn't do it knowing—I shorely didn't. I know you don't believe it, Mister, but I-shorely-" and his voice failed as he sank back with the piteous look of a beaten

"Mr.-Mr. Walkinshaw," came a qua-

vering voice from the tree.

"You didn't, eh?" said the person addressed, without turning his head. "Well, I'm going to surprise you, my lad. This young lady feels quite sure you didn't, and so do I."

The convict struggled to speak—his

eyes were wet.

"And what's more, I'm going to take your case myself. You were convicted on purely circumstantial evidence, it appears."

"Be you a lawyer, Mister?"

"You don't need a lawyer. It is too late for a new trial without new evidence. But what you need is a good strong 'pull.' I've an uncle over in the city there who has a habit of making governors. The present one, especially, can't and won't refuse him anything. I'll have him get you a pardon. But, meanwhile, you must do just as I say. You must go back to prison."

"Go back?" gasped the convict, his face growing a shade more haggard at

the thought

"Yes, go back. If you try to get away the chances are a hundred to one they catch you; while—backed by your voluntary surrender—they are also a hundred to one that I will have you out in a couple of weeks."

"Go back?" muttered the fugitive hoarsely, gazing piteously at the speaker and then at the girl. "Does—does he mean it, Miss?"

In an instant she was on her feet, bending over the poor wretch, every muscle of her face quivering with emotion

"Of course he does, you foolish boy. Don't you see we both believe in you? Don't you understand that he can, and will, keep his word—that you must do just as he says?"

"Thank you." But as the girl turned with swiftly flaming cheeks, Mr. Walkinshaw was calmly writing upon a leaf he had torn from his notebook.

"Here," he said. And the convict, rising, placed the paper in his bosom with reverent awe. "This is a note to the warden certifying that you return of your own free will. I have signed my uncle's name to it, but will run over and make it all

right with the old chap this evening. They have a wholesome respect for his name over yonder, so you needn't worry—there'll be no 'dark cell' for you to-night. In a couple of weeks at most we'll have you out, and I'll see you have the chance to start your trade again in Texas—or Nome perhaps. What's your name?"

"White-John White."

"I would have preferred Smith-or



'I'll be there, mister."

even Jones—under the circumstances," said Walkinshaw, with a quizzical smile. "However, the Whites are a pretty large family, at least too numerous to make the name a very good identification after a time. You understand?"

The lad nodded, as he slowly absorbed the other's meaning.

"By the time you have swung around to Tennessee again you will remember this only as a rather vivid temperance lesson. You see that bunch of bushes down by the county road yonder. Hide in that. In three hours a closed carriage will stop beside it. Get into it, and when you reach the prison give that paper to the warden. Go now-and take hope with you."

As the convict turned at the edge of the hill he held up the paper and called back with a note of mingled entreaty and trust in his voice that made a lump come into the throats of his new friends:

"I'll be there, Mister
—I'll shorely be there!"
"And now," said
Walkinshaw, elaborately refraining from look-

ing at his companion, "I'm afraid I shall have to escort you home."

"But your shooting?" she demurred, awkwardly.

"Can wait. Trust me, I would not willingly thus intrude. But you remember what he said—there were two others—not quite like him, perhaps!"

She turned pale at this, and in timid silence allowed him to help her down the

slopes, and over the fences until the road was gained.

"I don't know how to thank you," she

said at last.

"It would be for very little," he replied indifferently. "Believe me, your only danger was the loss of some small change. You were very brave and cool, though."

"Was I?" she replied abstractedly, and then irrelevantly, "This is a strange world. Of course, I suppose no one is altogether good, or altogether bad-and

"He is a poor, ignorant lad, you know." "He? Oh! I was not thinking of

him."

"Of whom?"

She did not answer, but he saw she gave him a puzzled side glance, and then moved further to the other side of the road.

"I beg you will understand," he said, with an access of his former frigidity, "that I regret thus imposing my society—my presence, rather, upon you. In another mile the hotel will be in sight and the road more frequented. You will then be quite safe, and I need only assure myself of the fact by watching you from the top of the hill before us."

Just then he was compelled hurriedly to drag his companion out of the way of a foam-covered team that tore around the turn ahead. As it passed in a cloud of dust they saw its reckless driver, a flashilydressed man, was accompanied by a woman of even louder and more dissipated appearance.

An old gentleman pedestrian, who had also sought refuge on the bank, came toward them grumbling loudly.

"That fellow Walkinshaw wants the whole road, it seems," he said.

"Walkinshaw?" inquired the young

"Yes, that beast in the dogcart there. He's a brute to his horses, and a brute to his wife. I wonder how she stands his driving around the country with a hussy like that!"

"Sure that's his name?"

"Why, of course, Ralph Walkinshaw, the 'Frisco liquor man, and a tough old nut he is, too," and the old man passed on growling.

"Anything the matter, Miss Myndell?"

said her escort, for the girl stood in the middle of the road, her face hidden in her hands and uttering strange little gasps and giggles. Suddenly tearing the bunch of wild flowers from her breast, she scattered it into the air above her head, and then danced along uttering a peal of decidedly hysterical laughter.

"It's the reaction," muttered the young man, anxiously. "She was badly frightened, after all-and now she's going all to

pieces."

In another moment she returned demurely. "So you have a namesake, it seems?"

"It appears so. I had heard there were some other Walkinshaws in this part of the world, but not that there was a Ralph among them. As it is, I am hardly flattered by the coincidence."

"Well, Mr. Ralph Walkinshaw, Number One, please listen. You said that I was very brave up there in the hills. I wasn't. When you appeared I could just have

"What?"

"Well-let us say fainted with delight. But I am going to be really brave now. I am going to let you see what a little fool I've been, and very humbly ask your forgiveness."

"For what?"

"You saw that lady I was talking to this morning? Well, she was telling me about a Mr. Walkinshaw-Ralph Walkinshawa vile, dissipated, horrible creature, who had been seen driving about with a-a pretty woman, and I thought—I imag-ined—Don't you see?"
"Hardly," returned the young man,

grimly. "Though I admit the similarity of our tastes in driving about with pretty women. That, I suppose, taken in connection with my naturally dissipated ap-

pearance-

"How mean you are! And he was a

married man—the wretch!"

"All the same it seems to me if I had heard of a Miss Myndell who was credited with all the crimes in the calendar, including matrimony, it would still have occurred to me to ascertain-

"That's because you are a great, strong, sensible man, not a silly, impulsive girl. Can't you see? And what did you do



DRAWN BY HOWARD N. HEATH

"Her arm tightened upon his." See page 782

with the rose I gave you? I saw it in your buttonhole, for all I was so furious. I suppose you stamped on it. I know I should have done so."

"I did more than that-I buried it."

"Where?"

"Up there on the hill."

The girl looked back over his shoulder wistfully. "You will take me to the grave, some day?"

"It is too sacred. Something else was buried with it."

"What?"

"Oh! only a man's heart—and a hope. But yonder is the hotel, and now I will—" "Do nothing of the kind." Her arm tightened upon his, and her cheek touched his shoulder. "Do you imagine I am going to be cheated out of my pardon? Not if I have to write to that all-powerful uncle myself. So there's no use being judicial, and unrelenting, and all that, because the criminal has been dreadfully punished already, and is now very repentant, and is going to be very—"

"What?"

"Happy, I hope. And besides, it was all a mistake—just another case of——"

"Of?"

"Circumstantial evidence."

Electricity Versus the Moon

BY GRACE G. BOSTWICK

"What's the matter? Dumps?" Peggy looked up at me with sad eyes. She shook her head.

"What can it be?" I insisted. "Here is a woman with everything heart can desire—a worldly heart, such as hers. All the gifts the gods can give lie within her grasp, yet I find her off here by her lonely, with a droopy mouth and—"

"I haven't outgrown my childish proclivities," she said. "I am still crying for the moon."

"Ye gods!" I cried in mock disgust, "the moon! That fat-faced, vulgar, old-fashioned thing! Electricity is much more in your line."

Peggy's lips curved dolorously. She has the reddest love of a mouth, has Peg. I always have an insane desire to—well, never mind that. Electricity is a nuisance in more ways than one.

"Well, I can't have it, that's all," Peggy sighed in a plaintive way.

"If one wants anything badly enough, one can have it," I declared sturdily. Peg frowned at me.

"You are always so positive," she complained pettishly.

"The trouble is," I continued, "that you don't half know what you do want. If you were sure, and wanted it with all the strength of your soul—why——" I waved my hands expressively

Her troubled gaze trailed off into the distance.

"Am I sure?" she whispered. "I was once."

"Was it that night when the light shone through the pines and——" She nodded. I caught the gleam under her lashes, and my heart throbbed suddenly. Then I steadied myself with a quick brace.

"Electricity is more in your line," I said stiffly, "for it shines alike on the blessed and the unblessed."

"And the moon shines only for those that can see," she said softly. There was a long pause. Her head drooped in the old way. Her sadness was unmistakable.

"Jerry, you know what an affection I have for you." She tendered her crumbs conciliatingly. I would have none of them

"Affection is only an apology for a lack of love," I declared oracularly.

Peggy shrugged her shoulders. It is worth seeing.

"Epigrams!" she sneered. "Have you come to that?"

"Epigrams are the olives of conversation," I said.

"Hm! how I hate them—nasty, salty things!"

"Your education has been sadly neglected, poor child," I sighed.

"That's not as unfortunate as having

too much of it," Peggy retorted with wickedness, "for I can still learn, and you---"

"There's nothing left for me," I con-

cluded.

She laughed. "You always have your delicious belief in yourself. It's lovely to have such an affection—"

"Affection is only an apology for a lack

of love," I repeated.
"Are you wound up?" she frowned at

me crossly.

"And you have the key," I returned.

"Then I'll throw it away, so that when you run down, there'll be no danger of repetition." Peggy's eyes wrinkled at the corners in that funny way she has of half smiling.

"You're a dear, Peg," I said softly, "but you won't be satisfied with anything less than the moon." I rolled over on my back in the warm sand and stared at the sun. It made my eyes misty, and when I looked at her, I wasn't quite sure that I

saw tears.

"Jerry," she said, and her voice was uneven, "really, don't you think electricity is best for me? I shall have everything I want—everything, you know——"

"Except the moon," I offered lacon-

ically.

"Ah, yes, except the moon, dear old thing!" Her voice really shook a little.

"You'd tire of it in ten days if you had it." I was a bit harsh, I know, but then—

"Ten days? Why, we wouldn't even be through quarreling by that time," she laughed.

"And why should we quarrel?" I demanded hotly. "I'm not of a quarrelsome

disposition."

She laughed again. "You dear old kid," she said softly, "we quarrel every time we look at each other."

"Well, we needn't," I said warmly, "if it wasn't for that confounded old—"

"If it wasn't for that confounded old—"
"Ssh!" she said, laying soft fingers on
my lips, "no disrespect to age if you please."
"Nor bald heads," I added viciously.

"Nor bald heads," she laughed.

"There was a time, Peggy," I sat up suddenly; "there was a time when nothing could have tempted you to consider such a horror for a moment. What has changed you so?"

Peggy's eyes grew hard. "Worldly wisdom, augmented by parental persuasion," she declared, flippantly.

"Now, see here, old girl," I said, "there's no use talking. You'd rather have the moon, with all its disadvantages,

than—than—-"

"Yes," she assented softly, "yes, I be-

lieve I would, but-"

"Never mind," I interrupted crossly, "I'm talking. Now, I'll tell you what the trouble is," I declared with boldness, "you can't make up your mind—you dangle half-way between—on the fence, so to speak—and I'm going to make it up for you." It was a hazardous stroke, and I was filled with apprehension as to results.

"I shall be here to-night," I continued,
"at precisely eleven o'clock, with my boat. I'll beach it under that rock where no one
would notice it, and I'll wait exactly
twenty minutes. You are to be here.
You can slip away from the house without
detection. We'll row to Benton and hunt
up a parson who knows how to tie a knot
that won't break. I don't ask if you will,"
I said hastily, as I noted her look, "I say
that you shall."

Peggy's eyes had grown soft again. She suddenly bent and laid her soft hand on mine and her fingers trembled.

"I ferry," she said, and her voice shook,
"I knew I could depend on you to save
me from myself—I knew you wouldn't
fail me."

I had bad luck on that night of all nights. I had rowed over there for an indefinite number of evenings, with no mishap whatever, but because that evening was momentous, the evil one had a hand in affairs to my undoing.

I was well under way on the four-mile row, when one of my oars snapped. I reached under the seat for the extra pair that I always keep on hand for such an occasion and discovered that they had been removed, unknown to me. I cursed, vigorously and emphatically, everything and every one that came within the radius of my thoughts, but there was nothing to be done but return for the extra oars. It was slow work getting back. I made good time, but the minutes seemed like hours, and I was bound to be late in spite

of all I could do. I was filled with despair, for Peg has a frightful temper, and I knew she would never forgive me for

failing her. Poor Peggy!

It was ten minutes of twelve when I made the landing. There was no one about. A night owl screeched his derision of my despair until I picked up rocks and flung them at the shrill sound childishly, in a very passion of rage.

There was nothing to be done. I had staked my all and lost, as many a wiser, better man than I, has done many a time. But oh, I bore a heavy heart on that home-

ward row.

The next day, at the usual hour of our meeting, I approached our own especial little nook, and sat down, disconsolate. I felt sure that Peggy would not appear, but there was a sort of comfort in my sur-

roundings that soothed me.

I was surprised when I heard her coming swiftly. She was running, and, all out of breath, she dropped down beside me. I did not look up. I expected a volley of abuse that would last for the rest of my natural life, and then I felt her hand on my cheek.

"I'm dreadful sorry, Jerry," said the sweetest of voices, "but I couldn't make

it in time. Why didn't you wait a little longer? Haven't you learned that a woman simply cannot be on time? It's one of the impossible things. I never dreamed you would leave in twenty minutes, as you said. I called and called, but you didn't answer. I—I—cried—half the night."

I took her in my arms. "Dear old Peg," I cried, and then I told her, and we

laughed together.

"Fate was against us," she said.
"She's not against us this morning," I

"She's not against us this morning," I ventured. "The boat's here and you're here and I'm here."

I held her eyes with my own. She wavered. Her color rose. Then she dropped her lashes and I knew the day was won.

"Is it to be the moon, after all?" I whispered, "that vulgar, commonplace, old-

fashioned thing?"

"You aren't," she declared loyally. "You're everything that's sweet and dear and good and—and I'd—I'd—love to be poor," she finished, her face against my breast. I held her so an instant, then I caught her hand in mine.

"Come on," I cried, "the tide's with us, the day is ours, and the moon has found

his own."

The Journey's End

BY_CATHERINE CARR

I confess to a vague feeling of what was not so much disappointment as perplexity, when, at the reading of Greataunt Clarisse's will, my portion proved to be a legacy of five thousand dollars. I did not mean to examine the mouths of gift horses, but it seemed to me a sum of complexities, too small to satisfy large desires, and too large to be squandered on small ones. That is, it should have been considered so.

My practical relatives were clearly of such mind, Uncle Cambert being especially prompt in advising me.

"Better put it in a good first mortgage, Clarisse," he said. "I know just the place for it. Six per. A neat little sum for a rainy day. Shows that your aunt didn't hold any ill will."

This magnanimity on Greataunt Clarisse's part was for her overlooking my refusal to accept a nondescript position that vibrated between maid and companion in her *ménage*, when my father had died bankrupt five years before. At the time she had told me that she washed her hands of me, in which lavatory process most of my kin had joined.

That I, a Penn, descendant of innumerable distinguished personages, should choose to be a stenographer, instead of existing on the bounty of relatives, wearing discarded frocks and being generally useful, was an inexplicable and almost



"The young woman opposite me was the embodiment of luxury." See page 786

criminal thing. My poor, pretty mother, who had come out of the West and died at my birth, was blamed for it all, and there was thanksgiving among them that they could not be held responsible for the vagaries of poor Duncan's daughter.

I had "gane my ain gait," being fortunately twenty-one, and had continued to do so, and though the existence that was divided between the office of a stockbroker and a very ordinary boardinghouse, was a dull and weary round, the bread of independence had no bitterness of flavor. "Your aunt said to me shortly before she died," my uncle continued, apparently intent upon oblique comparison, "she said, 'I think Clarisse *means* well."

"I'm glad of that, and I certainly hope I do," I said. "And I'll think about that mortgage, Uncle Cambert."

"Very well, but I'd advise you not to let it slip. Good investments are not so plentiful, these days."

I knew that, but I had inherent rebellion against his calm arrangement of my affairs, and was immediately, and perhaps perversely, resolute on managing my windfall to suit myself, though I had not then decided upon the method.

Inspiration came to me when on my way back to New York and to work the next day. I sat in a parlor car, an indulgence provided by a devoted boy cousin who had for the last year entreated me "to just wait until I'm through college, Clarisse," idly turning over the leaves of a magazine, when a young woman got on and took the chair opposite me. She was the embodiment of luxury and charm, perfectly turned out to her finger-tips; her gown visioning importers, her hat a masterpiece of taste and skill. She had violets on her coat and content in her eyes, and as I looked at her, the desire for pomps and vanities grew large and dominating. I wanted, suddenly and entirely, silk linings and high heels; frills and chiffons, hours of ease and the social pleasures that I had known for such a short time. I was thoroughly shaken out of the rut of routine into which I had fitted myself, and I looked back on the girl who had laughed and danced so happily as a former incarnation.

Decidedly she could not be content with the present ordering of my days, the unchanging round of duties, the quiet, infrequent pleasures, and above all, the entire lack of companionship. It was impossible, and, as I glanced into the mirror at my side, it was very unjust to the girl who was reflected there. She was really pretty, and she deserved to have these pleasures before she was too old to enjoy them. And she should too. In a moment the disposal of my legacy was beautifully simple, and I was approving

it as simply beautiful.

I would buy clothes, lots of them, lovely, frivolous things without a thought of utility, and spend the summer at some fashionable resort, having a thoroughly good time—anyway, a blessing is a thing that you have when you want it. Of what use roses sent to you the day after the dance? And also—a glance into the mirror encouraged me—finding a rich husband. I knew that to go back to the old grind afterward would be intolerable, and the husband of large income seemed the only solution. I had no fear of failure. The Penn ancestry would go far, and my

eyes and shoulders could be appraised as valuable assets.

By the time the train had reached New York I was laying plans like a politician

for a campaign.

It may easily be conjectured that when, in some way, my purpose of spending the summer and my legacy in riotous living filtered through to the knowledge of my relatives, their protests were many and various, though they were united in declaring me "old enough to know better," the most disagreeable penalty imposed by years.

Cousin Almeda, good gray soul, journeyed down to deliver her expostulation in person, and wound up with the dark prophecy that I should come to grief in

some undefined but awful way.

I told her that if I did I should let her know, so the satisfaction of saying, "I told you so," might be hers, but she did not seem to appreciate this generosity. She remarked, however, that I didn't look over twenty, so I forgave her and took her to lunch—I had been taking a course of facial treatment of Madame Violette, but it wasn't necessary to tell her about it. Cousin Almeda has doubts of your soul if you powder your nose. She rebuked the extravagance of my luncheon order and ate the money's worth. Extremely good people are often extremely funny.

I spent three weeks in industrious shopping and fitting; also I attended theaters and read new books to rub off the rust of my social isolation, and, strangely enough, when the rigid economy of my recent years is considered, no moment of regret for my decision obtruded itself. I was thoughtlessly happy as a girl, and rejoiced almost childishly in the lovely clothes that were now, constantly, to the right of me, the left of me, and also, with really charming effect, upon me.

By the last of June my trunks were packed, and all my arrangements were made to join Mrs. Oswald Ogden, an oldtime friend of my mother's, at Bar

Harbor.

I then received a little note from Aunt Eve, expressing a sincerely-worded hope for my summer's pleasure, and a desire to see me before I left. As this was the



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first word of approval I had received from any of my kinsfolk, I naturally appreciated it, and then I had always appreciated Aunt Eve anyway. She was a Penn by marriage, which accounted for her, and she was the dearest, most sympathetic, impractical soul that ever indulged youth in its folly.

I went to Baxterville, the stronghold of the clan, cowardly under the cover of darkness afforded by the late train, being driven straight to Aunt Eve's house, a haven of antiques with a delicious lavender and old lacy atmosphere of which she seemed so entirely a part that it was almost as if one of the old portraits had stepped down from the wall to greet you. Her greeting, however, was delightfully human and her approval of my course unqualified.

"It is well, of course, to save for rainy days," she said, "but we need not take all the gold out of the sunshiny ones. We are never young but once—and there are treasures of memory. It's a sad thing to be old without memories of happiness."

There was the shadow of regret in her eyes, and I then remembered hearing that she had married Uncle Daniel when she was very young, after her father, a sturdy sea-captain, had gone down with his ship, leaving her and her invalid mother unprovided for. Also I remembered Uncle Daniel, and I thought I understood much of what she did not say.

Poor Aunt Eve! Think of having no

dried rose leaves of past joys in your treasure box. I kissed her gently and told her how much I appreciated her approval, but my conscience was not altogether easy; I had not confided to her the ultimate object of my journeying, and I very well knew that she would withhold her favor.

I knew perfectly that it wouldn't sound well, that it was neither refined nor honest, but I was also convinced that the practice of nice theories was a luxury for the possessors of large bank accounts, and so could not be applied by me.

To avoid running the gauntlet of my disapproving connection, I selected the midnight train for my departure, and as Aunt Eve's rheumatism forbade her venturing into the night air, I was escorted to the station by her ancient coachman, whose faculties seemed to grasp only the most literal translation of his orders. Therefore he obviously regarded leaving me on the platform of the railway station the fulfillment of his duty, and promptly drove away; so when I found that the train was indefinitely late, there was nothing for me to do but settle myself in the dingy little waiting-room with several other impatient travelers.

I sat there visioning a future of wealth and social triumph, in which I admit the man was etched but vaguely in the background, when the door opened and a ghost of the past came in. That is, he wasn't a real ghost, being indeed a very good-looking man, tall and broad of shoulder, and distinctly alive in manner, but he came so suddenly and unexpectedly out of the past that his presence was almost as

startling.

He did not see me at first, and I had time to remember some things, things that I had been thinking I had forgotten. Certainly there had been time enough, for it had been eight years since Barton Barnes and I had quarreled and he had gone West. But my mind now went even further back and rested on the days of our companionship, when Barton had lived across the street, a companionship that began when we had sailed boats in the gutter together, and advanced through various stages to that vague understanding that so often ends in misunderstanding.

Looking back, I comprehended now the pride that had kept him from asking the decisive question, my father being then the richest man of the town, and though Barton's family was of good birth, their fortunes were at low ebb, and I could see how much my small flirtations must have hurt him if he cared, and I knew he had then. Naturally I wondered if he remembered, and if he were married and some other things, and then he saw me.

"Clarisse!" was all he said, but I knew as well as anything that he remembered, and that he wasn't married, and I didn't know whether I was glad or sorry.

I was always tenacious of intention, and the vision of distinction and grandeur I had conjured had become almost an obsession, which resented the way Barton's large proportions were suddenly filling the foreground. I'll admit that my heart was beating wildly, but I essayed a manner of cordial friendliness.

"You-of all people!" I said, rising and

going forward to meet him.

"And you!" Barton echoed, taking my hand in a definite sort of way. "I was just going to New York to look for you. I've only been back two days and the things I've heard about you—""

"Awful, I dare say."

"To think of your working!"

"Why not? I'm not a lily of the field," I returned, endeavoring to withdraw my hand.

Barton released it and looked me over under the flaring arc light, and I rejoiced in my new silk coat and very becoming hat.

"Well, you look like it. Or, rather, like society's royal lily. You were never intended for the busy bee rôle, Clarisse," he said, with evident admiration.

"Oh, you don't know," I protested.
"I've just broken my chrysalis. You should have seen me a little while ago in my regimentals. Black walking skirt, white shirtwaist and plain stock. I was letter-perfect as Miss Stenographer, but Aunt Clarisse remembered me in her will, you know; hence this 'silk attire.'"

"I see. I congratulate you," Barton said, a sudden chill in his voice, and it was queer how my mind changed.

The moment before I was afraid he was



DRAWN BY W. CHARLES TANNER

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going to be serious, and now I was afraid he wasn't. It was evident that he supposed me heiress to all Aunt Clarisse's possessions, and his pride had taken alarm at the possibility of being termed a fortune hunter. Which was admirable of him, I suppose, but I didn't like it a bit. A woman likes to be cared for so entirely that there isn't room for any other emotion, pride or prudence or anything wise. At least, I did, and I knew then that before my campaign had started I had reached that journey's end that is lovers' meeting. And all in just that little minute when he spoke so formally. How funny women are, and men are almost more so!

Barton looked about as cheerful and responsive as a stone image, and while, of course, I could have settled the matter then and there, by telling him what a

small amount it was, I decided not to begin humoring him in that way. If I wasn't more than all and everything else to him, I didn't care to be anything. That is, I was going to see first.

The waiting-room wasn't a very good setting for a scene of sentiment, so I fanned myself futilely with my handkerchief and suggested that we go outside. "Certainly," Barton said, without any

great show of enthusiasm.

So he opened the door for me, and we went out and walked up and down the platform two or three times without saying anything. Then we sat down on a trunk truck that stood in a shadowed angle, and Barton remarked that it was much warmer in Mexico.

"Indeed!" I said.

"Oh, yes. We think nothing of the thermometer registering 112."

"Is it possible!" I returned woodenly, and our conversation again languished.

The idea of talking about the weather under such circumstances was enough to make one want to throw things, but I clasped my hands in my lap and presented as pensive a profile as I could affect.

Barton reflectively nursed his foot and drew his breath hard two or three times. I could see out of the corner of my eye.

"I'm certainly glad that you won't have to work any more," he remarked finally. "It seemed so absurd—impossible—to think of you taking dictation."

"Easier to think of me giving it, I suppose. Though I don't remember receiving any expression on the subject from you at the time," I observed icily.

It had just been borne in upon me that to lead Barton to any definite conclusion I should have to quarrel with him, as it is sometimes necessary to go back to gain

impetus in taking a leap.

"I know," he acknowledged with proper humbleness. "I suppose you thought it was because I didn't care, but I did not hear for a long time—wandering around in out-of-the-way places, your mail often gets lost—and then every time I tried to write I could never say what—what I felt you would approve."

"One would scarcely suppose extreme choice of phrase necessary between friends

of such long standing."

"Wasn't that the question between us? The things I had and had not the right to say? And then, as you reminded me when I left, there were many others. Is it surprising that I supposed their sympathy sufficient?"

"I wouldn't have such a memory as you have, Barton Barnes, for anything in the world!" I exclaimed hotly; "it is just

devoted to unpleasant things."

"It is the only safeguard. When the pleasant things are torture—suggest only what is not for me," he said, looking very decidedly away from me.

"Well, I know one thing. If I were a man, I'd have anything I wanted," I said

scornfully.

I was genuinely exasperated by this time, and started to move away from him,

but a truck is a very tippy and unreliable seat, and I was thrown oppositely and against him. The effect was rather startling but eminently satisfactory. Barton caught me in his arms and kissed me.

"Clarisse," he said, and there were whole volumes in just that one word.

"Listen," he went on; "I did not write because I could not, and not beg you to let me come. And when I came and found that you were working, I could not bear it. I was on my way to ask you to let me work for you—but now that you are rich, I can't ask it. Can't expect that you could care enough to live in the out-of-way places I am sent. You were born for the purple, Clarisse. I realize it, and I'm not a foolish boy, now. I realize the distance between us."

"It doesn't seem very perceptible just now," I murmured out of the lapel of his coat. It was awfully scratchy tweed, but I hadn't the least inclination to be removed

from it.

"Clarisse," Barton cried under his breath.

"Yes, Barton," I said.

"You mean-"

"Good gracious!" I exclaimed, nearly out of patience. "Have you been in Mexico so long that you can't understand English?"

Barton didn't say, but it was evident that further translation was unnecessary, until I reminded him that even though deserted at the moment, the platform of a railway station could scarcely be called a sequestered spot.

The train came and went—but without us. Barton hunted up a carriage, and we drove out to Aunt Eve's house, through

the early gray dawn.

I told Barton then how small my legacy really was, and how I had foolishly spent the most of it for clothes. I didn't tell him of the ultimate intention, because there was no use of it. There are some things no man can understand, and we don't want them to. He laughed and said that I had been prompted by telepathic knowledge of the immediate need of a trousseau. And, perhaps, after all, I was.

In Honor of Mr. Gibbs

BY IZOLA L. FORRESTER

"We could make him so comfortable."
"Without any formality," assented the woman writer.

"Just a jolly little jamboree among our

own crowd, you know, Joe."
"Talking to me?" The answer came from the lean-to, and Roxana raised her voice.

"Yes, dear. Talking about Mr. Gibbs. I say we could make him so comfortable."

"Comfortable thunder if it's a day like this."

"Cleaning the fish, dear?"

"No. Sopping."
"Slopping?"

"Sopping. You two girls left that pail of water square in the doorway when you got through bathing, and I stepped in it."

"Don't let it run on the bag of potatoes, Joe."

"Not if I can help it. I'm still sopping.'
Roxana looked at the woman writer,
and the two exchanged unholy smiles.

"You don't deserve him," said Ines. "He should have been a Mormon, and distributed that sunny disposition among a dozen. Concentrated in radio activity on one small, sassy lady, the glory has made her blind. Whom shall we have down?"

"The Renshaws. They'll face anything, and she's lovely. We need some one lovely to help out the picture. We're not lovely, Ines. We're not expected to be lovely in a place like this, only picturesque. You're awfully picturesque, Ines."

"'Nother!" Ines stared calmly at the figure on the doorstep. It was a hapless doorstep. It had been a part of a hatchway once. Now it shelved from the doorsill, and was half buried in sand, with white clover and red sorrel curling up around its cracks.

The figure on it was picturesque. Curling irons were debarred on Lost Island, and nature had not given Mrs. Herdox floating curls. Her long, straight, brown hair fell as uncompromisingly as Minnehaha's, to her waist, fresh and damp from its salt dip ten minutes before. Her face was tanned, and merry, and round, with the contentment of fifteen years of solid, happy double blessedness beaming in the brown eyes. For the rest, the outward signs were a shrunken linen skirt, and a pink kimono, but the woman writer smiled on her with love in her heart, and knew there was not her like in the world.

"He is the kind of man who will like the island, and this sort of thing; our



"Curling irons were debarred."

kind, Joe says. Since he made his hit last spring he's been dodging respectable invitations, and no one can make him come out of his shell. But Joe knew him when he-my land! I don't know how long ago it is. Say, Joe, when did you first meet Mr. Gibbs?"

"Talking to me?" "Yes, I say-

"It didn't get to the potatoes, only the soap and matches. What on earth did you ever pile them up in that corner for?"

"Oh, never mind, honey. Come on out here and sit down, and look at the laughing waves. Peace, peace, perturbed spirit. What do we want of soap and matches anyway. Haven't we got the ocean and the stars?"

Mr. Herdox emerged from the lean-to, perspiring and victorious. He sat down on the doorstep beside his wife, and sighed happily.

"Sopped up every drop, and what I missed the soap caught. When are you

going to have Gibbs down?"

"Wednesday. And the Renshaws, and Bub and Bernadine, and Lally Carter and Mrs. Lally. That's all I can manage on the dishes. And they're all married couples except Mr. Gibbs and Ines. He isn't on his dignity, is he, Joe?"

"Not a bit. Same old oyster. I'll tell him how to get down and all about it, and we'll have a clam bake, and a corn roast, and Lally'll bring his instruments."

"His what?"

"His instruments. Own invention. Kind of a Chinese fiddle affair with a accordion attachments. Ever hear a Chinese fiddle, Roxy? What makes more noise than a pig going under a gate? Two pigs. Well, that's a Chinese fiddle. On a moonlight night Lall can make the lobsters come out and waltz with his."

"And we can all go in bathing at midnight if the moon is full," added Roxana, seriously.

"I stood by the laughing waves, Under the moon's

bright ray. And the moon was full, and I was full,

And which was fuller, who can say?"

"I don't think it's funny," said Roxana.

"It isn't meant to be funny. It's metaphysical speculation," returned her husband. "Anyway, I don't care. You can bathe in the moonshine, and paddle



DRAWN BY DAN SAYRE GROESBEGK

" 'What's it like?' asked Gibbs."

in the star motes, and eat corn and clams. Have you got any tabasco sauce, and chutney, and those little round crackers?"

"Yes, we have. And not down in the corner with the soap and matches either. You're sure he'll like all that sort of thing, Joe?"

"Sure," said Joe cordially. "Anything informal and homelike. I'll tell him Monday night at the Press Club."

"He used to know him so well," explained Roxana to the woman writer, and Ines nodded sympathetically.

Monday night at the Press Club Herdox tried to remember just how well he had known Richard Chandler Gibbs. Gibbs was on a settee over in a corner, with Devereux of the Courier-Herald. They were talking in snatches, and smoking between snatches. Gibbs was leaning well back on the settee, his head on the high velvet roll, his knees crossed. Herdox noticed that he assisted the ash off his cigar with a gentle movement of his little finger tip.

"Herdox? Oh, yes. Of course. Old Herdox. Know Herdox, Devereux? Used to be on the old Chronicle. City editor, no, managing editor, when I was what was I, Herdox?"

"Nothing," said Herdox kindly.
"Nothing at all. Chaos has once more worked a miracle. And the evening and the morning are the seventh day. I see you are resting."

Gibbs looked up at him, and smiled slowly and appreciatively. He began to remember that he had liked old Herdox.

"I got your letter."
"Coming down?"

Herdox took a chair opposite the settee, and sat with a hand on each knee, looking at the other man over his eyeglasses. "What's it like?" asked Gibbs.

"Christmas. Peace and good will all the time. Clams instead of turkey. It's Lost Island, a small body of land surrounded by water, off Old Haven bay. It has lost itself a few times in history, but my house is not built totally on sand. We put some rocks under it at the corners to be sure. There's only my wife, and Ines Kenyon, and myself, but we'll have a little crowd of our own down



"Gibbs sent a shout over the waters."

in your honor, and have a good time if you'll come. In fact, we'll have a good time whether you come or not, only Mrs. Herdox sent you an urgent invitation for you to come, and I'd like to have you come, because she hasn't any idea in the world that you will come."

"I'll come," said Gibbs, heartily. "By George, I will come. How do I get there?"

"New York and Boston road to Old Haven, then take the trolley that runs down to Timson's Point, then walk up shore a ways, and we'll be looking for you."

"I thought it was an island."

"So it is, at high tide. Low tide there's a bridge of sand that you can walk over. We have a little handy boat around too, when Mrs. Herdox doesn't loan it to the

grocer boy."

Gibbs smiled. It was merely a tightening of lips already too close and firm, and a deepening of the lines at the cor-There was a certain aloofness and absentmindedness in his smile. was not quite sure whether he smiled at the joke or the joker. Some critic had called it the Gibbs sardonic smile. Gibbs rather liked that. It was easier to maintain a reputation for cleverness on the suggestiveness of a sardonic smile than on talk, so he smiled over Mrs. Herdox and the amusing little handy boat that she loaned to the grocer boy, and he smiled, and bowed abstractedly when Herdox went off, calling over his shoulder for him to be sure and come at low tide.

It was after five Wednesday afternoon when Mr. Gibbs arrived leisurely at the Grand Central Depot and found that he had forty minutes to wait. It was the first black-ball against Lost Island, but being gifted with persistency, he waited forty minutes, and studied with speculative aloofness the general public. There were quite a few people still, who did not know Richard Chandler Gibbs.

It was nearly seven when he left the train at Old Haven. At half-past he finally located the one track trolley line that ran out to Timson's Point. It was down Main Street, and over the bridge, up the road a bit past the oyster-opening works, and the stretch of marsh. Gibbs saw the marsh an idea struck him, and he asked the conductor if the tide was in.

"Can't you see it is?" said the con-

Gibbs drew his mantle of aloofness about him and ignored the native element. Also, he felt a certain vague resentment against Herdox for putting him in for this sort of thing.

When he left the car at Timson's Point, the resentment extended to Timson for not having board walks around his place. The beach was awash clear to the fringe of sword grass, and white clover on its

topmost limit. He strode through the sword grass away from Timson's Point. It was something even to get away from Timson's Point. Behind him Old Haven showed across the bay, a flat study in violet against an orange sky. Eastward all was tide and sword grass and the

mystery of the night.

A weaker man would have turned back. Often in the dark days, when men called him Dick Gibbs, he had told himself that, with a supreme satisfaction in his own persistency. He had faced high tide and sword grass and desolation before, and had won out. If there was such a miserable, insignificant spot on the face of this Eidolon waste as Lost Island, he would find it. He would find it, not out of regard for Herdox, but for his own sake. He might not know when the tide was in, but, by George, as long as it was in, he'd find any blamed island that he chose to set out for.

Herdox had said it was a little way up shore. After nearly an hour's rambling, Gibbs came to an arm of sand that jutted out into the sound and was swallowed up by the waves. He followed it grimly, intuitively. There was a certain shadowy mass about sixty feet from its end. Gibbs could see the roof of a house on it. A sand dune shut off further view, but he knew it was Lost Island, and he sent a shout over the face of the waters and waited for the boat to come, the little handy boat which Mrs. Herdox sometimes loaned to the grocer boy.

There was no answer. No lights, nothing at all, and Gibbs slowly and deliberately became an angered, and shouted until his throat gave forth only a hoarse caw, but still there was dead

silence from the island.

A weaker man would have turned back. Gibbs set his teeth, and took off his coat and hat, also his white vest, and belt, also his trousers and his shoes, and folded all into a compact bundle. he followed the direction of the arm of sand and waded in. It could not be so very deep. If it was, he could swim. He didn't care for Herdox, or any of his blamed crowd, but, by George, he wasn't going to be beaten by a contemptible bit of land like that. He would reach it no



"Good morning,' said Gibbs easily, to relieve their embarrassment."

matter what happened. The water rose to his waist, and he raised the bundle on his head. It rose to his armpits, and stayed there. In less than three minutes he stood on Lost Island, dripping, but with the bundle dry.

He was proud, so proud that all anger against Herdox and even the small, handy boat had died out, and he felt a solid sense of contented happiness as he trod the little lop-sided board walk that led over the sand dune to the little lop-sided house behind the sand dune.

There was no light from its three windows. Gibbs shouted again, and started to walk carefully around the house. He could see the entire island, and he was the sole member of the moonlight bathing party in sight. The door of the lean-to stood hospitably open, and he went in. There were signs of hasty departure about him. The remains of a meal were on the table. Joe's champagne-colored pajamas lay over the back of a chair, and Mrs. Joe's pink kimono and linen skirt decorated the divan in the next room.

Gibbs laid his bundle down, and

divesting himself of his wet clothing, put on the champagne-colored pajamas. They were extra large, and fell in organpipe folds here and there. He turned to the supper table with a growing satisfaction over the informal home life.

In the ice-box he found a dish of cold fried clams, and half a lobster. Also tomatoes, and a little interesting dab of potato salad on a saucer. Back in the corner were four bottles of Joe's own particular light-colored brand, and Mr. Gibbs smiled. It was not a sardonic smile It was a personal smile. He lit the oil lamp with the tin reflector that hung over the table in a bracket, and sat down to supper, having found the tabasco sauce, and the chutney, and the small round crackers.

It was a good supper. When it was over, he went out and sat down on top of the sand dune and smoked a pipe of Joe's tobacco, and his liking for its owner increased. It was good tobacco. One lone light shone from the darkness inland, and he knew it was on Timson's Point. It represented the outside world, but held no temptations. He smoked on without

regret or doubts. From the top of the sand dune he could see nothing but water, slow, deep, well-behaved water, whose break on the shore was barely louder than the echo in a sea-shell. Never before had he realized the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness possibilities in a body of land surrounded by water, and inhabited

by no one but himself.

It was late when he went back to the house and investigated the divan. It was made of planks and oatmeal boxes, with a mattress on top and a dark green denim cloak of charity over all. He had expected a hidden lair of old shoes, canned goods, and a shell collection, but there was nothing worse than books and magazines and Joe's raincoat, so he put out the light and went to bed, and watched the stars through the open door of the lean-to until he fell asleep.

The tide was out the next morning. The bridge of sand rose clear and dry and mocking in its safety, and the island had nearly doubled itself in size.

Gibbs was scrambling eggs on the twoburner oil stove. On the other burner there was a pot of fresh coffee. He had slept well, and he had the kindliest feeling in the world towards Herdox, and his island, and his pajamas, and his tobacco, and his larder.

Suddenly there came a sound that jarred on the cosmic harmony. It was a woman's laugh, and it had a more telling effect than Friday's footprints. Gibbs set the coffee pot down and went to the door of the lean-to. Across the bridge of sand came two figures. The first was a woman, a tall, pretty, laughing woman, and behind her was a large, laughing young man, lugging a couple of canvas cases, and they both stopped laughing and stared at the figure in the champagne-colored pajamas standing in the door of the lean-to.

"Good morning," said Gibbs easily, to relieve their embarrassment. "Come right over. I'm sorry, but Herdox isn't home yet. My name is Gibbs."

The young man set the canvas cases down and began to laugh, he looked up at the tall, pretty young woman, and they both laughed, rollicking, inordinate laughter that the dignity of Gibbs resented. The young man sat down on the sand and took off his hat, and doubled up.

"Don't, Lally," said the young woman. "Get up, and behave yourself, and explain

to Mr. Gibbs."

Lally rose, and beamed down on the

lone figure in the pajamas.

"We've been waiting for you to show up since yesterday noon, Mr. Gibbs. Herdox is waiting yet. The tide was so heavy he kept the crowd over night at his place."

"Where the devil is his place?" asked Gibbs, calmly. It was a moment for calmness and utmost self-control.

"Just around the bend of the shore there. You're on Carter's Refuge. I'm Carter. Allow me to introduce Mrs. Carter."

Carter's Refuge. Carter's tobacco, Carter's clams, Carter's pajamas. One by one they passed through Gibbs' mind. He bowed, and did not speak. He did not even produce a sardonic smile.

"It's all right, though," said Lally, joyfully. "Honor's mine. Tickled to death to have you. Stay to breakfast with us, and then I'll row you over to Lost Island, when the grocer boy comes by with Her-

dox's little boat."

The corners of Gibbs' mouth twitched. He hardly knew what was coming himself. The little handy boat that Mrs. Herdox sometimes loaned to the grocer boy. He caught Lally's eye. It was an Irish eye, blue and full of most angelic wickedness, and suddenly, for the first time in many moons of fame and prosperity, Gibbs laughed, a genuine laugh over the plight of one Richard Chandler Gibbs.

"After breakfast," he said, shaking Lally's outstretched hand. "And by George, it's all ready too. Won't you join

me?'

"Will we?" cried Lally, picking up his instruments. "Watch us!" and he led the way over the sand dune to the little lop-sided house, known among men as Carter's Refuge.

Some Dramas of the Day

BY ACTON DAVIES

Disastrous as the theatrical season has been from almost all points of view, for the American dramatist at least this has certainly been a gala year. Never before have native playwrights figured so conspicuously upon the New York stage. This, of course, is partly due to the fact that the foreign attractions have, with scarcely an exception, proved failures, while the home-made plays have been in quite a number of instances of exceptional merit. Be the cause what it may, however, the joyful fact has to be recorded that, with the exception of Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell," all the plays which are now enjoying lasting popularity in the metropolis are the work of American authors. It may be that the long awaited

dawn of The Great American Drama has come at last. Let us hope so at all events; for the more one sees of the latest efforts of English, French and German dramatists the more one is forced to realize that Americans sooner or later will be forced to seek more and more in the romance and characteristics of their own country their dramatic fod-

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audiences can be regarded as the fair pulse of the country at large, then certainly in the matter of plays, at least, American playgoers are realizing that "there's no place like home."

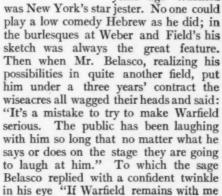
The first home-made play to score this season was "The Music Master," which started its run in mid-September at the Belasco, and even now, when after a two-hundred-night run it has been transferred to the Bijou, it is nightly turning away hundreds of people. From several points of view the success of this play has been phenomenal. It has, in the first place, given the country a great

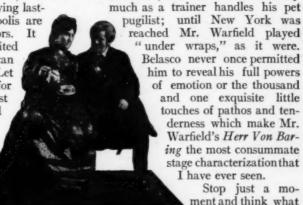
actor. It happens only once in a decade or so that an artist steps into greatness at a bound, as David Warfield did on that memorable first night. I happened to have seen the play at one of its first performances at Easton, Pennsylvania, and I fully expected that Mr. Warfield was going to score a hit; but I must confess that the magnitude of his triumph when he at last came to Broadway staggered me almost as much as it did every one else.

During their preliminary "road" performances his manager and coach, Mr. David Belasco, had treated Warfield very

> pugilist; until New York was reached Mr. Warfield played "under wraps," as it were. Belasco never once permitted him to reveal his full powers of emotion or the thousand and one exquisite little touches of pathos and tenderness which make Mr. Warfield's Herr Von Baring the most consummate stage characterization that I have ever seen.

> > Stop just a moment and think what this actor has achieved by his one performance. Three years ago Warfield





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"And you loved him?" "The Music Master," act I.



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"He says he loves you." "The Music Master," act I.

for three years I can make him the greatest character actor on the stage."

And he's done it. Belasco has fulfilled his prediction and Warfield has more than realized his teacher's wildest hopes. In "The Auctioneer" he achieved a big success, but he was still the comical Hebrew whom playgoers knew of old. There was a little pathetic touch in his performance here and there, but no marked departure from his former line of work. The crowds flocked to the theater that night last September expecting to see another variation of his old theme, but the old Warfield, where was he? Certainly not on the stage, for there the audience saw a sweet-faced, silver-haired old German, an aristocrat of the old school, courtly, polished, and ineffably tender; a musician with a broken heart but a great soul. And on the same stage, where in previous seasons the wizardry of Belasco had conjured the marvelously brilliant revels of Du Barry at Versailles, the weird and mystic pageantry of old Japan and the fuss and frolics and furbelows of the Pump Room at Bath in the days of the incomparable Bellairs, you saw now the third-story back room in a

Houston Street lodging house—a room so lifelike in its dust and dinginess that it won a round of applause from the audience before the actors had had a chance to speak a line.

-For sixteen years, ever since he first came to America to search for his wife who had deserted him, and his child that he had lost, the old musician had made his headquarters here. Miss Houston, the landlady, a relic of ante-bellum New York, is his chief friend and crony and she confides to her three other lodgers, a Frenchman, a German and an Italian, all fallen stars in the musical firmament, her suspicion that the dear old Professor, in spite of his protestations to the contrary, is desperately poor. She's worried about him too; for every night at sun-down he takes his beloved violin and goes out, not to return until after one o'clock. Presently a friend calls to see the Professor-a bouncing, good-natured "rounder," with a necktie as red as his own nose and a diamond pin of such huge dimensions that it must have taxed a whole glass factory to turn it out. He's the "barker" at the Fourteenth Street dime museum where, unknown to Miss

Houston, the Professor plays at night. "Bosco, the Armless Wonder," one of the star freaks, has been complaining that he does not "play up" fast enough when she begins her act. Like a true friend, the "barker" has come to warn him. "You see, Bosco's an awful kicker, Profess. So the minute I start to shout 'Bosco, Bosco, the Armless Wonder. Bites their heads off and eats 'em alive!' play up. Give it to her good." Herr Von Baring thanks the "barker" and promises to reform, and then after a very jolly spaghetti dinner, which is one of the funniest scenes of the play, he turns to receive another visitor.

It is a young girl, accompanied by her footman, who comes to engage the Professor to teach one of the poor children in Houston Street in whom she is interested. She hands him her card—Helene Stanton: and as he holds it he looks at her steadily, searchingly. Out in the other room the three musicians are rehearsing a symphony of the Professor's-a piece of music which, he explains, was first performed at the Opera House in Leipsic the night that his wife and little daughter left him with the man whom he had thought his dearest friend. The melody arrests the girl's attention, and sitting down at the piano she begins to pick out the air with one

finger. She has heard it somewhere before, but where, she can't remember. The old man lights the lamp, and still watching her, finds out that her mother is dead but that her father is a great philanthropist, one of the town's richest millionaires.

"Ah! Then you have a father!" exclaims the old man, keenly disappointed. She is still strumming at the piano when a man enters and demands the rent



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"Dot eye never was mended."

for the instrument. The Professor begs him to wait until to-morrow, but calling his workmen in, the collector carries off the piano before their eyes. The girl, touched at the old man's predicament, begs him to take her as a pupil and come to her house to give her lessons. The Professor grasps at the chance and the next act shows one of these lessons in full sway. They are great friends by this time, but so far he has never been able to see *Stanton*, the girl's father. It

is her birthday, and as she pauses after one of her exercises, she asks him if he wouldn't like to look at her presents.

"There they are, on the top of that cabinet where I keep all my dolls."

"You have all your dolls?" he asks her quickly.

"Oh, yes, every one of them. Old friends, you know. Even my baby doll, which I got before we left Leipsic, is in there. You may look at them if you like."

The old man has never tired of telling his friend *Miss Houston* of the doll with one eye out, of which his little daughter used to be so fond.



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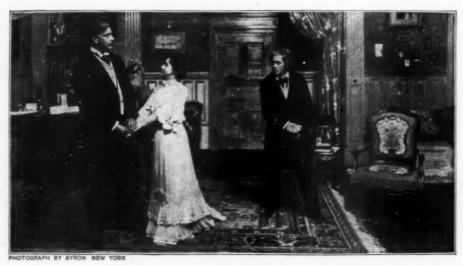
"Excuse me, young lady, let me see your face."
"The Music Master," act I.

In a silence which you can almost feel, the old man crosses the stage, opens the cabinet, reaches 'way down to the bottom and fishes out an old rag doll. There is a pause while the old man gazes at it lovingly, then as the girl resumes her "One—two—three!" One—two—three!" at the piano, he says with a great sob: "Dot eye never was mended."

He puts the doll back, and as he closes the cabinet *Helene* remarks, "Would you like to see a painting of my mother? Open the door and you can see it. There it stands, right over my bed. It almost speaks." He gazes at it long and lovingly, crying, "I can't do it, Herr Von Baring. My father has forbidden you the house, but——"

"Oh!" cries the old man grimly, "it's your father! Miss Helene, I should like very much to speak to your father." At that moment *Stanton*, thinking the Professor has gone, enters. The girl leaves the two men face to face.

Then begins the play's great scene. From studied calm, as he sarcastically taunts his wife's betrayer, he passes to anger and then to furious rage. Stanton, confessing all, tries to quiet him, fearing a scene. Finally, in desperation he turns



would like to speak to-your father, Miss Stanton."

"The Music Master," act III.

and then conquering his emotions he resumes the lesson. But the butler comes in to tell *Helene* that her father wants to see her at once.

While she is away the old man makes up his mind not to reveal himself. What would be the use? All he could give her is his love and that old room on Houston Street; here she has everything in the world. Helene returns in deep confusion. She tells the Professor that she cannot take any more lessons. He pleads, excuses his old-fashioned methods, begs her to try him just once more. It is impossible. He picks up his hat and turns to go, but the girl runs after him

on the old man, who by this time is distraught with hate and rage, and dares him to tell his girl the whole miserable scandal. It can only break her heart. This sobers the Professor, who realizes the awful truth of what the villain says. Helene has told him only that day that she is to be married to a wealthy young fellow, and so just as the girl with her fiancé's parents comes on to receive Stanton's congratulations, the old music master slips out of the room without a word.

The last scene finds him still more poverty-stricken in his lodgings. He is packing up to go back to Leipsic. He has just seen his daughter married and is

happy in the pos-

session of a flower

which she dropped

from her bouquet.

He wants to leave her in peace and

ignorance. But in

the meantime the

girl has learned the

truth from Stanton's

lips—the truth that

she is Von Baring's daughter, but nothing of her mother's

to the old man in



"And I-well, I can sin. She comes go back to Leipsic."

his garret. Both she and her husband insist that he shall go abroad with them on their honeymoon, but first the girl is determined that the old Professor of his own free will shall acknowledge her and tell her all. He, thinking only of shielding his wife's past, holds out against her, but she wins him finally; he tells her that the sin in the old days was entirely his, and the play ends with the girl's faith in her mother's memory unbroken.

No description of this play can help seeming trite and commonplace, for after all the secret of its triumph is entirely in the manner in which it is done. Marie Bates as Miss Houston and Miss Minnie Dupree as the daughter are conspicuously successful members of the cast. It is a play which touches men even more than it does women.

From the sweet and pensive old age of "The Music Master" to the sturdy, virile life of "Strongheart" is a big jump, but very exhilarating. This play by W. C. De Mille, a very young writer, the eldest son of the late H. C. De Mille, is full of the dash and high spirits of youth, and in its leading character of Strongheart, the college graduate Indian, as played by Mr. Robert Edeson, there are both tenderness and romance. The first two acts of "Strongheart" are devoted entirely to a football match at Columbia College, and while they are interesting, particularly to the younger set of playgoers, the real

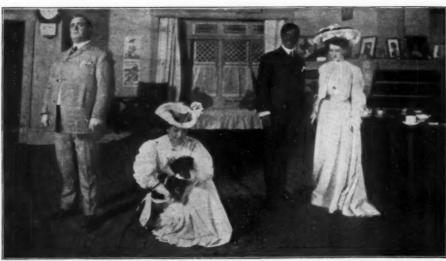
play does not begin until the third act. Strongheart, the idol of the college boys for his prowess at football, has shouldered the crimes of another man who is accused of selling the team's football signals to their rivals. He has taken the blame on himself for the moment, only because his greatest friend is under suspicion of being the guilty man.

Strongheart is in love with this boy's sister, and finally when the real villain is unmasked by the Indian he turns and taunts Strongheart with the fact that though his pal has taken him to his home, made him one of the family and treated him in all matters as his equal and bosom friend, the moment he realizes that Strongheart, a full-blooded Indian, wants to marry his sister he will turn against him. Strongheart, proud of the line of chiefs he sprang from and sure of his friend's stanchness, puts the matter to the test, and, sure enough, not only the brother but all the brother's pals denounce him for his presumption. Not so the girl, however. In spite of all the influences that are brought to bear upon her the girl stands firm and declares her intention of marrying the Indian and, if



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Robert Edeson as Strongheart, Louise Compton as Molly Livingston.



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Act I of "Strongheart."

necessary, returning with him to live among his people.

During the scene in which the girl declares herself, an Indian in full regalia is shown into the drawing-room. He comes with an urgent message for The Old Chief is dead; Strongheart. he, Strongheart, is the great Chief now and his people have sent this messenger to summon him home. The contrast of the pale-faced, delicate New York girl and this sullen, stoical savage makes Strong-

heart realize not only his own duty but the utter hopelessness of his ever being able to make the girl happy in the wild life of his tribe. The money for his education was provided by these very Indians who are now calling upon him to return to them. Firmly, but very tenderly, Strongheart explains to her how far apart their future paths must lie.

The girl, distracted,

clings to him, protesting that his people shall be her people, that she will gladly follow him to the end of the world. But Strongheart, his mind made up, his path of duty clear before him, is obdurate enough. They part in a very tender and beautifully written love scene, which before its end, however, becomes almost aggravating because it does not include a single kiss.

In this act Mr. Edeson does by all odds the finest acting that he has ever done, but at the first performance I shall never forget hearing the women exclaim with one voice, while they wiped their eyes, "Why on earth didn't he kiss her at least once?"

The honors of Strongheart belong entirely to Mr. Edeson and Mr. De Mille, the author, for the supporting company is really unworthy of him.

And now I must pass to another of the really great hits of the winter-C. M. S. McLellan's "Leah Kleschna," which has brought renewed fame and fortune to that remarkably clever actress, Mrs. Minnie Madden Fiske.

This play had been refused by almost every well known manager in England and America. Not ten days before its production I heard one of the



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Robert Edeson as Strongheart.

most important managers in the world remark, "I wouldn't touch this play of 'Leah Kleschna' with a ten-foot pole. I had it and turned it down. It's just the story of a common thief."

But Mrs. Fiske saw the possibilities of the really splendid character drama, and she produced it with one of the best casts that New York has seen in the past ten years. The acting of the five principals, Mr. Charles Cartwright, Mr. George Arliss, Mr. William Mack, Mr. John Mason and Mrs. Fiske created almost as much sensation as the play did itself. Curiously enough, only yesterday I heard that this same manager who wouldn't touch the play with a ten-foot pole, has just paid a very large figure for the English rights. Mrs. Fiske, however, claims that all rights to the play are hers, so another big theatrical lawsuit will probably soon take the boards.

There's no use making any bones about *Leah* as a heroine. She is just what the manager said she was: a thief. Her father has brought her up to the trade, which by the enormous daring of his burglaries he has almost dignified into a profession. But she "burgles" under protest—that's one of the points you realize in her favor from the outset.

Associated with Leah's father is Schremm, an ugly, beetle-browed little scoundrel whose redeeming feature is his hopeless love for Leah. Thisrôle, as played by Mr. Mack, is to my mind the artistic gem of the entire performance. But Leah's heart is set on a memory—the memory of the face of a man who had



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Mrs. Fiske as Leah Kleschna.

saved her life in a shipwreck some years before. For years she has searched Paris in hopes of encountering that face again, and just as the play opens she comes triumphant into her father's lodging. She knows his name now. She saw his photograph for sale in a shop window, bought it, and ascertained that he is Paul Silvaine, the philanthropist and politician who is to be married tomorrow. Her father and Schremm exchange significant glances, for they have arranged a neat little burglary of Silvaine's house for that night in the



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Leah: "Here we stand—a gentleman, a blackguard and a thief. I'm the thief.
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Last act of Mrs. Fiske's production of "Leah Kleschna."

hopes of "bagging" the wedding presents. They tell their plan to *Leah*, who is to get into the house, but they do not tell her the name of the man she is to rob.

She enters the house and is busily breaking open the safe when out of the darkness comes a voice which she recognizes instantly, saying: "Don't move, because if you do I'll fire." Silvaine turns the lights on. The man and woman face each other. She attempts braggadocio, threatens if he does not let her go at once to make a scandal which will ruin him. He remains calm, almost kind; he questions her, gradually gets her to talk about herself and finally touches her so profoundly that, released by him, she starts to go home, leaving his jewel casket on the table. At the door she is intercepted by Raoul, the degenerate brother of the girl Silvaine is going to marry. He knows Leah; in fact, for a long time he has been pestering her with his attention. She loathes him, and as the three stand face to face she, turning to Raoul, speaks the best line in the play: "Here we stand-a gentleman, a blackguard and a thief. I'm the thief. Which are you?"

Silvaine, after a trumped-up explanation, escorts Leah to the front door. Raoul, as soon as the two have vanished, empties the casket into his coat pocket and escapes through the window. Next day the bride's people naturally make an awful fuss. Silvaine suspects Raoul, but in order to make sure he sends for Leah. She comes instantly. The fiancé and his father are in the room. Privately Leah has denied all knowledge of the theft to Silvaine; but before the others, thinking that she may be doing him a service, she says that she committed the crime. Raoul, meantime, shadowed by the detectives that Silvaine has put upon his track, rushes in desperation to Kleschna's room, where the father and Schremm in a frenzy of suspense are awaiting Leah's return. Raoul, fearful of detection, offers to take the two men in as partners if they will make away with the jewels for him. Leah, returning, overhears his confession, and refuses to be a party to the matter. The father threatens and would strike her, only the faithful Schremm flies at his throat. Leah, by a clever ruse, makes her escape from the room and puts the detectives who are trailing Raoul off his track.

The final scene, a year later, finds her a farm hand picking lettuce on a vast estate in the south of France. She has broken from her father and all her old associates. Silvaine comes to her there and begs her to be his wife. The play ends as the farm hands and yokels watch the two walking towards the village.

THE RED BOOK this month endeavors to demonstrate the good faith of the Publishers in their promise that every number is to be an improvement upon its predecessors. The good things are better than ever before; the most conspicuous feature is augmented; a new department of wide interest is introduced, and another 35,000 increase in circulation is achieved, as an evidence that our estimate of what will win popular favor is a correct one.

From the very beginning, THE RED BOOK feature of Photographic Art Studies which introduces the magazine has been a vital factor in attracting and holding the attention of discriminating buyers. No magazine before has ever attempted a pictorial supplement of this form and of such pretensions, and no other magazine to-day carries any such feature that can be considered comparable to ours. In the beauty of subjects, the artistic manner of their presentation, and the superior typography which RED BOOK paper and RED BOOK printing in double-tone sepia give them, they stand at the very top. We have seen this feature begin with eight pictures, increase to twelve, and then expand to eighteen. The present issue of the magazine marks another growth in number to twenty-four, with quality maintained. Twenty-four pictures are to be published regularly hereafter, and, as before, they will be selected with special regard to the beauty of the subjects, whether they be theatrical or social figures of prominence.

An important innovation will be noted in the reading columns of THE RED Book this month. Heretofore, the magazine has been devoted exclusively to short fiction in its text. A general desire has been manifested that the periodical which deals so lavishly in theatrical portraiture, and in fiction which appeals to the intelligent patrons of the theater, should also serve its readers by the publication of illustrated criticism and comment on the more important and interesting theatrical productions of the season. It has been a pleasure to yield to this demand, because of the wide interest in the subject and the desire to reciprocate the manifold evidences of favor which are continually given to THE RED BOOK.

The Editor has been fortunate in securing for this department the service of Mr. Acton Davies, who is recognized alike by the theatrical profession and by the reading public of New York and its surrounding region, as one of the most capable of all the younger generation of dramatic critics. Mr. Davies, a Canadian by birth, joined the staff of the New York Evening Sun in 1890, and since 1893 has been the dramatic critic of that paper, a paper which is reckoned one of the most exacting in its standards of excellence in the entire journalistic field. The only interruption in the continuity of his work was in 1898, when Mr. Davies went to the Caribbean Sea as a war correspondent for the New York Sun. He was with the Marine Corps during its fighting at Guantanamo, and continued in active service throughout both the Cuban and Puerto Rican campaigns, proving himself as excellent a war correspondent as he was a critic.

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Mr. Davies has entered the service of THE RED BOOK as the regular contributor of its dramatic department. Criticism, comment and illustrations are all from him, and his standing in the profession lends a dignity to the feature that will be recognized very widely. Three of the more noteworthy successes of the current dramatic season, now occupying metropolitan theaters, are treated in this number, and we do not hesitate to suggest to our friendly readers that they may safely accept the Davies verdict in every detail, when the same plays come within the reach of their attention in other cities.

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Edward Breck has written for The RED BOOK a delightful Anglo-American story under the title "CAVALLERIA MONTANIANA." It is a tale of the experiences of a western millionaire, his son and his daughter, in London society, and the peculiar complications that arise between Col. Bill Greywood of Butte, and the Earl of Greywood of Devonshire.

There is a dainty American love story under the novel title, "As Queens are Wedsmith," by Anne Warner. This author is another who has made rapid headway as a fiction writer during the last year. The Century, Lippincott's, Ainslee's, Munsey's and other magazines have sought her work since it became popular in The Red Book, and her published volume concerning Susan Clegg has made a definite hit. Her story in the December Red Book has a distinct Christmas flavor.

Hayden Carruth contributes one

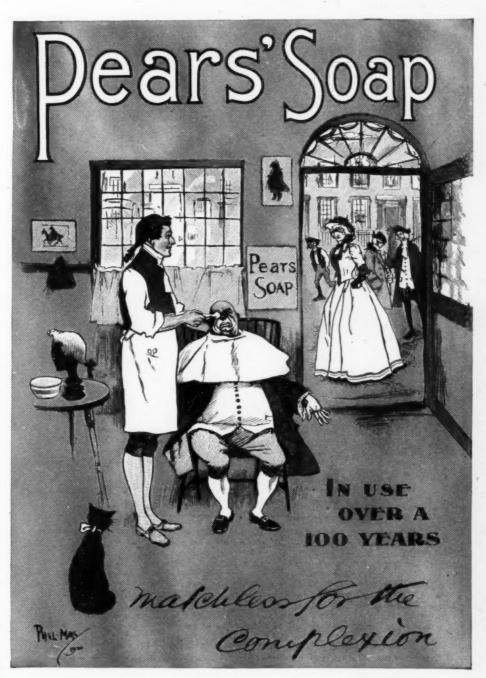
of his jovial stories to the December RED BOOK. Under the title "Tom's SERENADE," he relates the experiences that befall his hero in an effort to apply the romantic methods of the days of chivalry to his wooing of a practical minded young widow.

Martha McCulloch-Williams, long a favored writer to a Loyal circle of readers, enters the pages of The Red Book with a story of genuine artistic and literary merit entitled "A Man's Choice." It is a character study of a man of high ideals, in his contact with a woman whom he loves but whose standards of honesty are lower than his own.

A merry story of a bachelor girl's housekeeping, an awkward caller, a fierce chaperon and a rapid courtship, is contributed by Edna Kingsley Wallace under the chafing-dish title of "Shrimp Wiggle."

Rem. A. Johnston, who will be remembered by RED BOOK readers as the author of a most dramatic story of pioneer Indiana, "The Taste of an Afterwhile," appears this time with a dainty contribution in a new field, "Four Ciphers and a Crown." It is medieval in plot, characters and setting.

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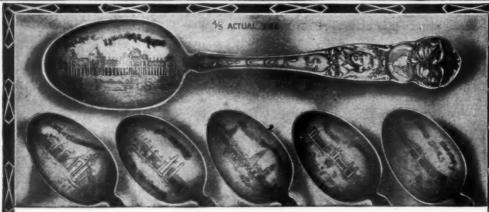


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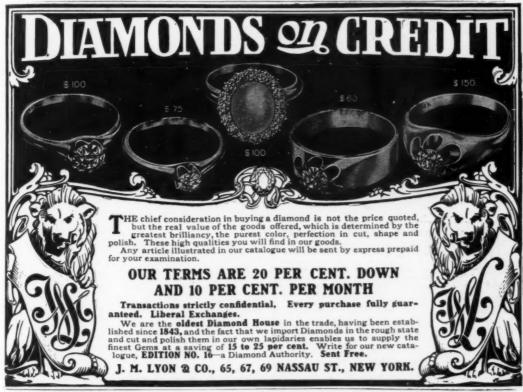
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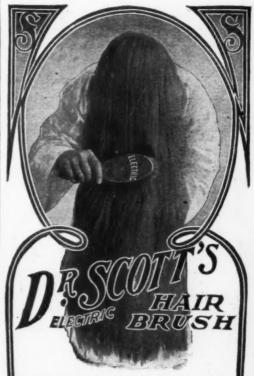
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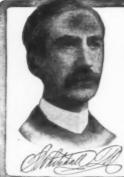
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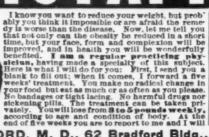
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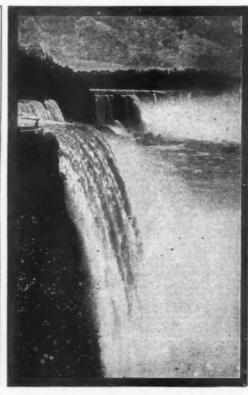
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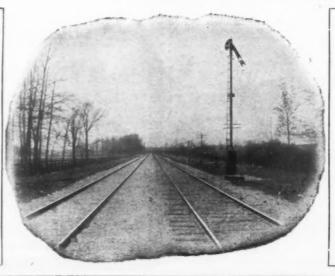


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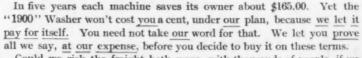
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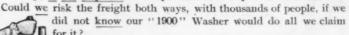
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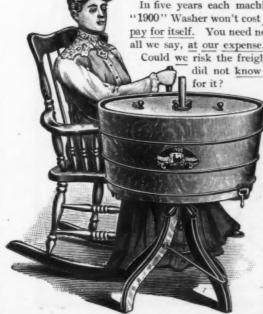
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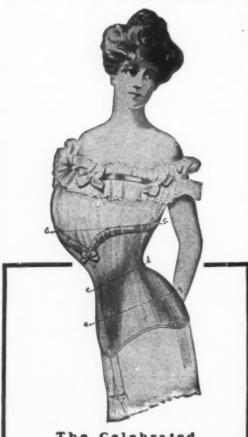
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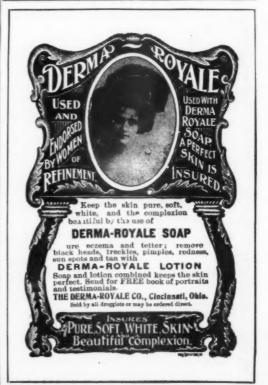
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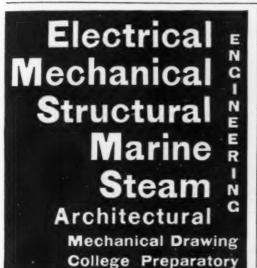
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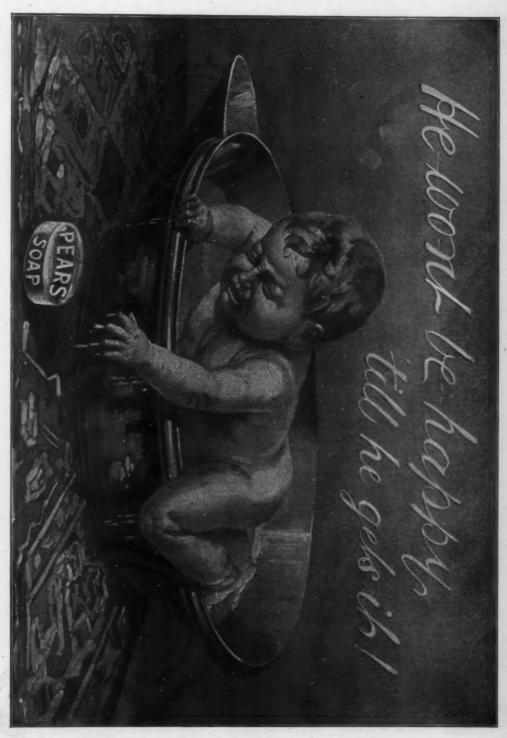
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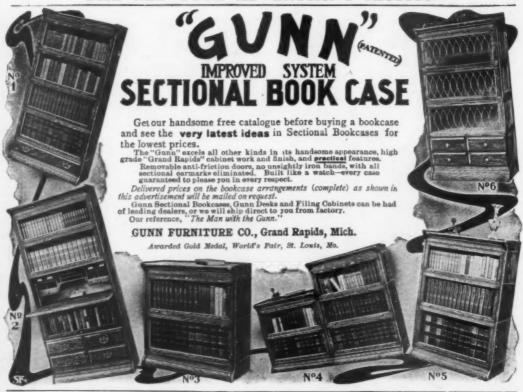
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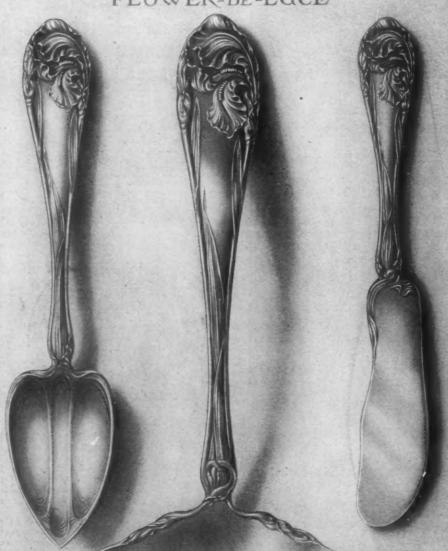
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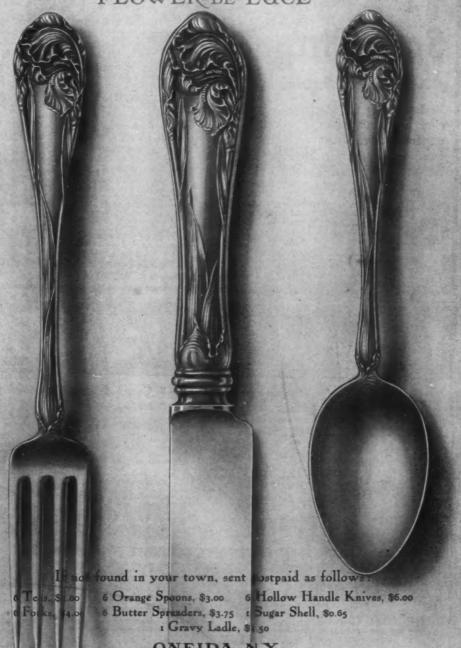


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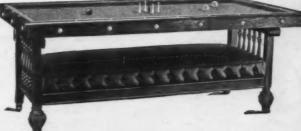
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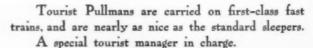
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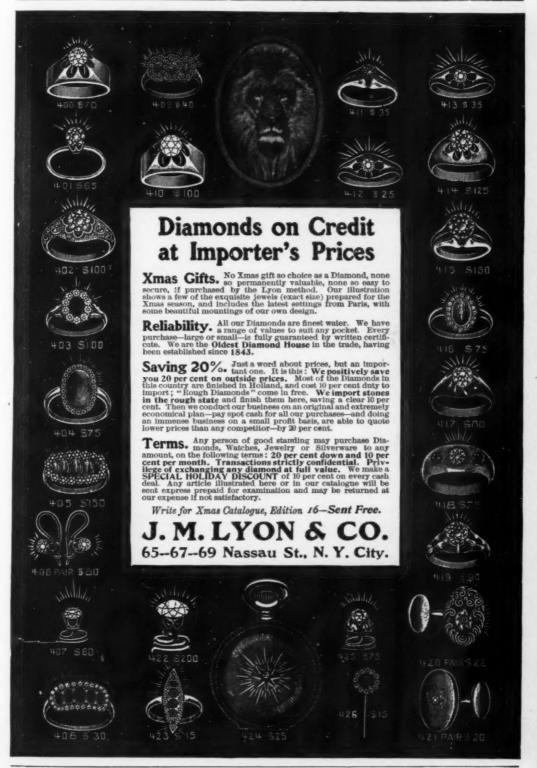
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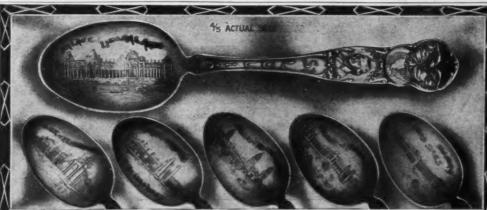
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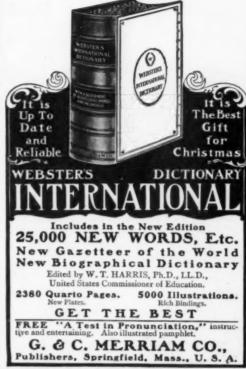
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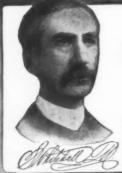




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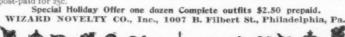
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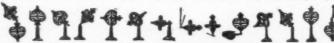
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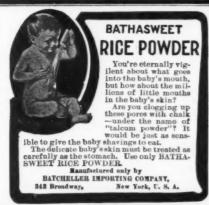
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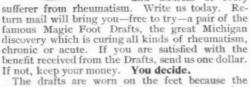
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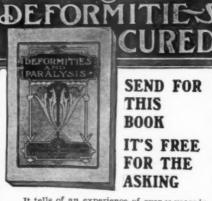
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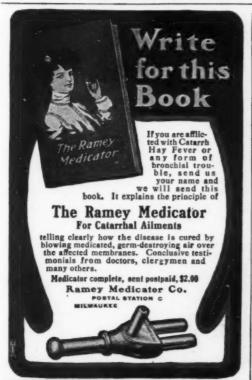
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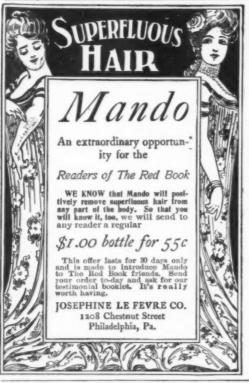
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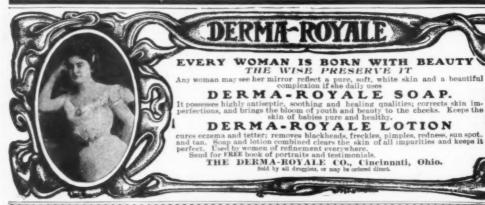


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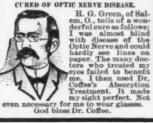
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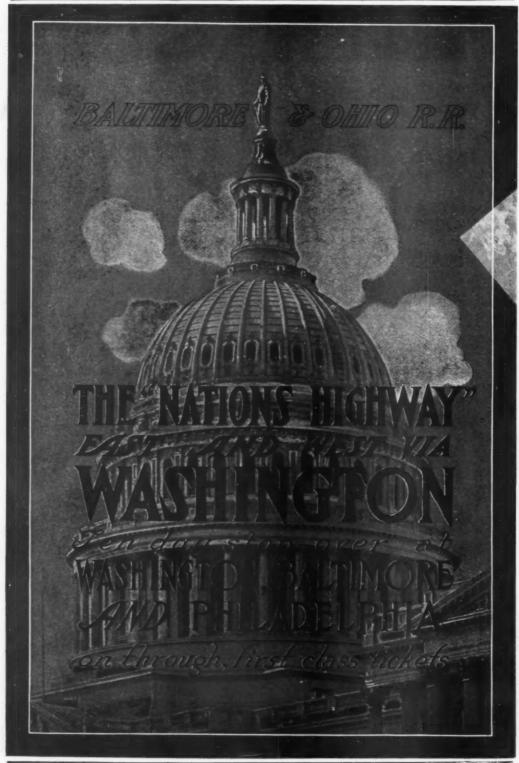
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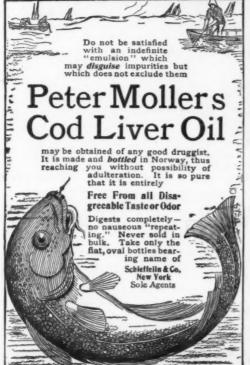
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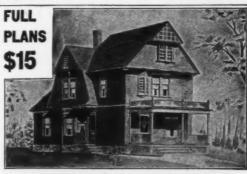
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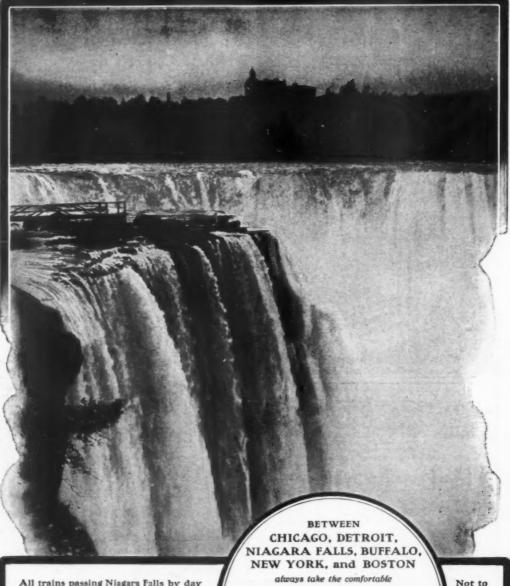
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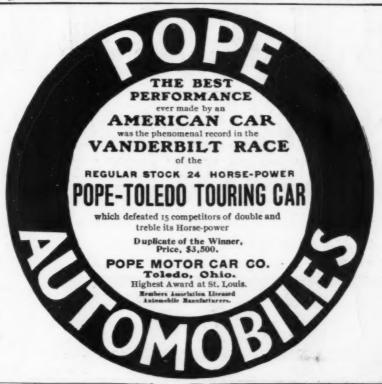
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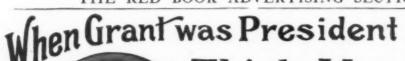
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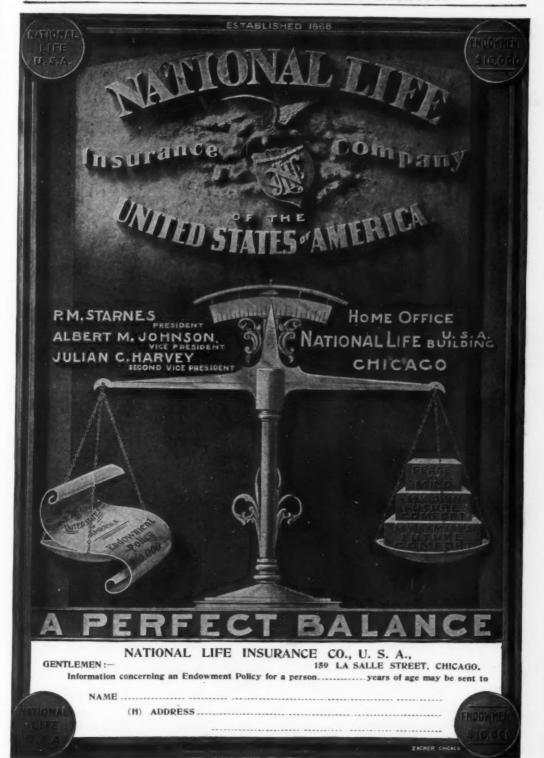
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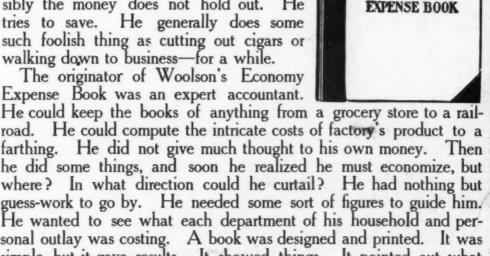
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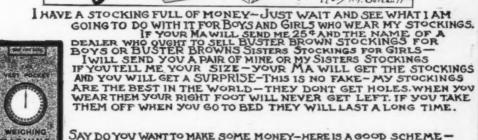
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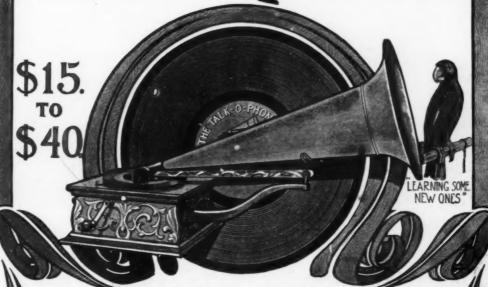
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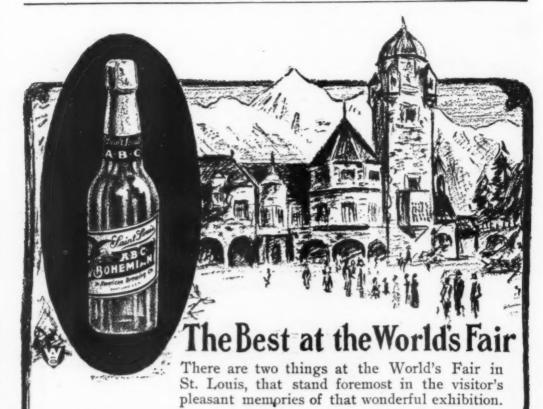
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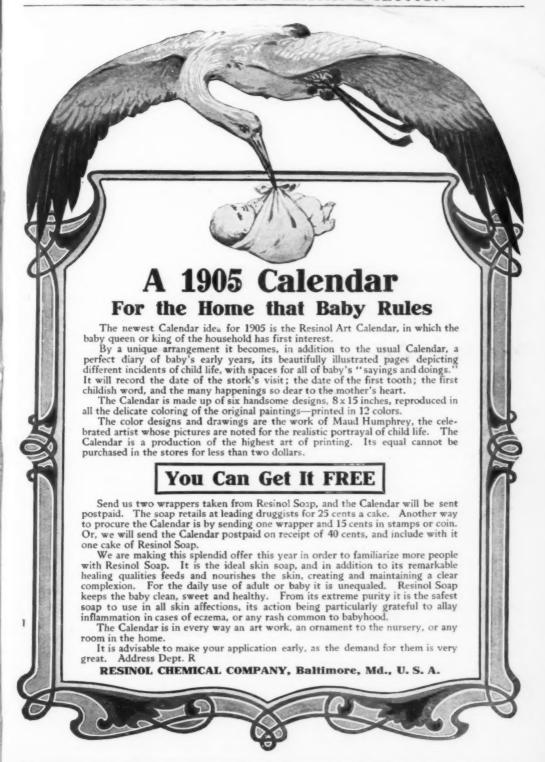
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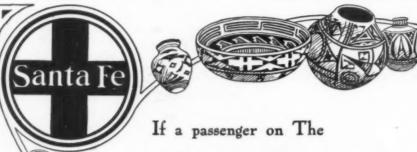
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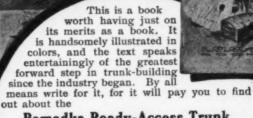
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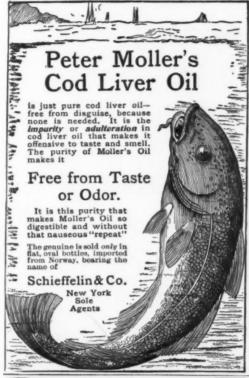
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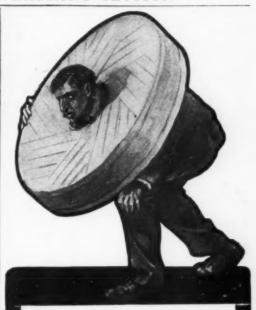
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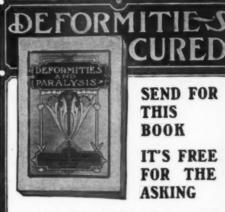
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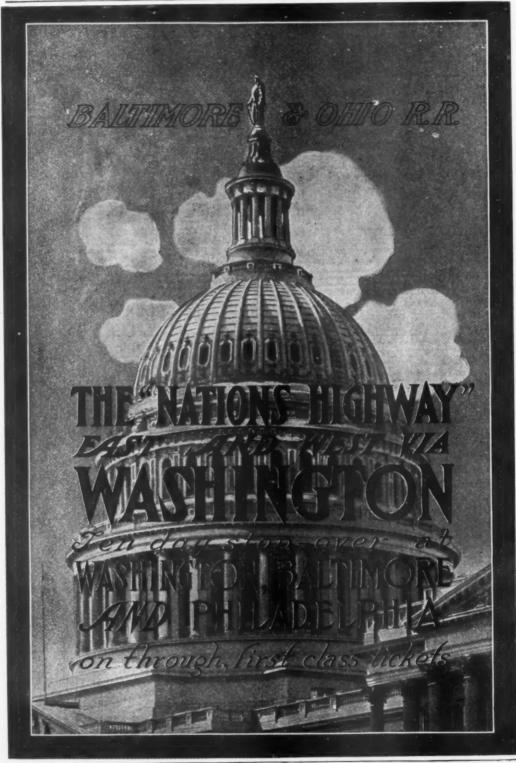
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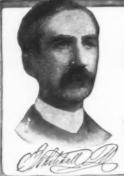
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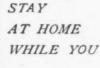
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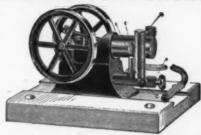
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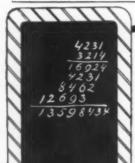
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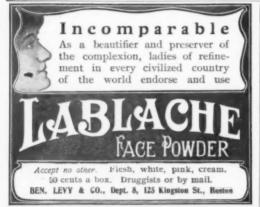
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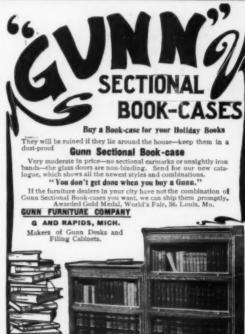
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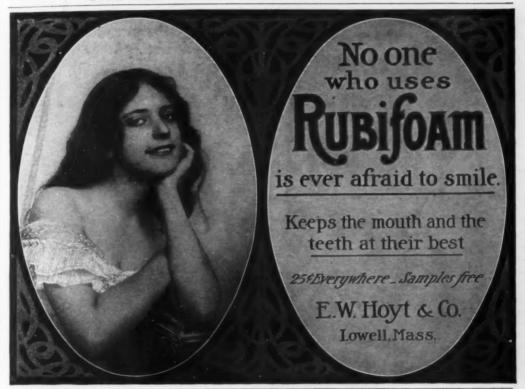
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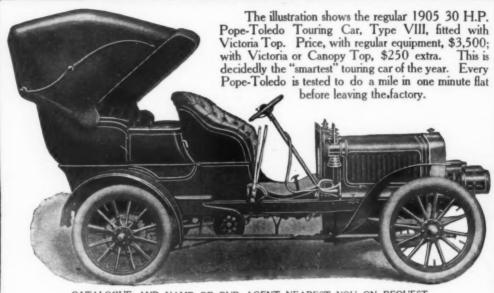
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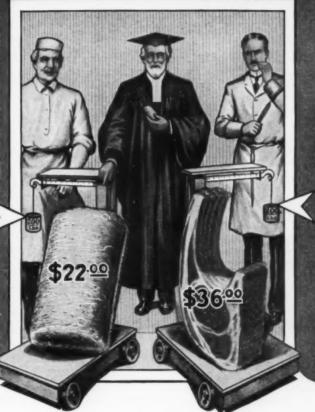
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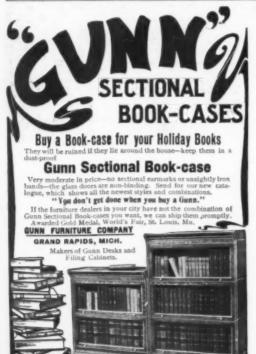
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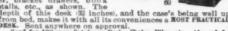
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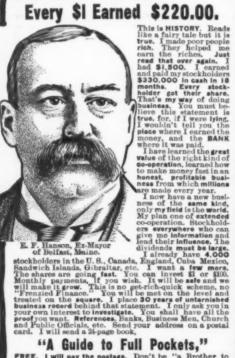
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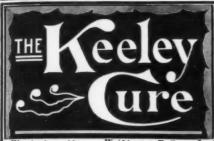


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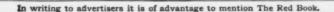
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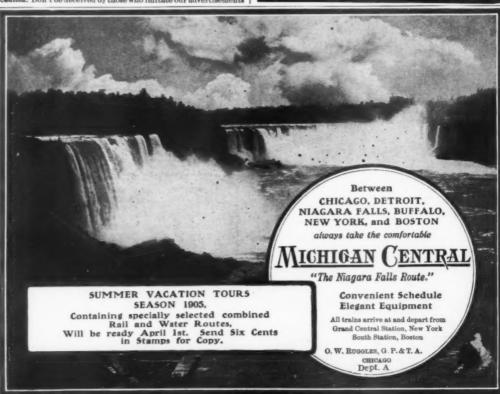
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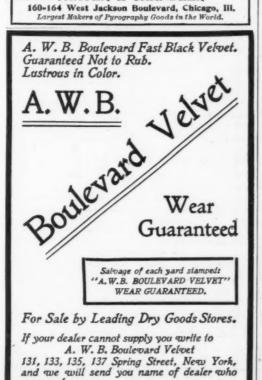
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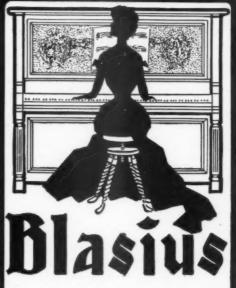
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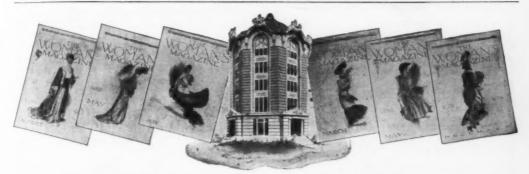
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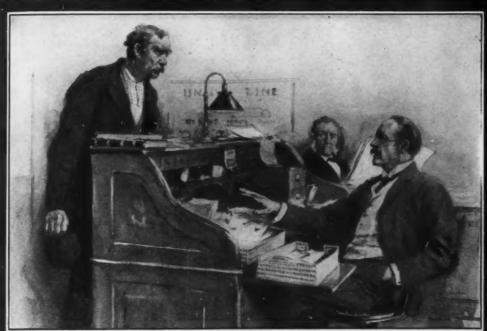
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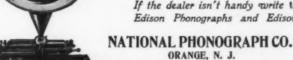
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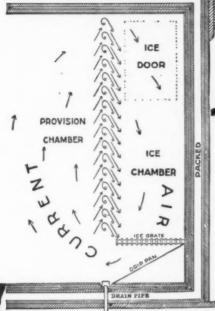
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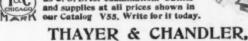
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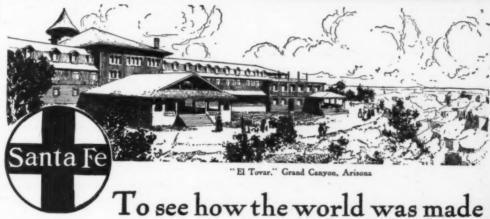
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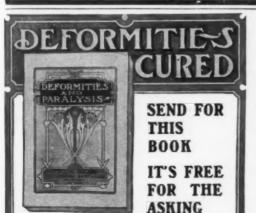
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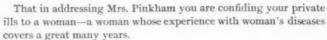
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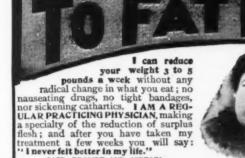
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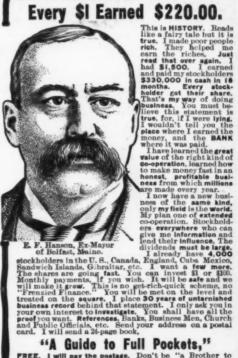


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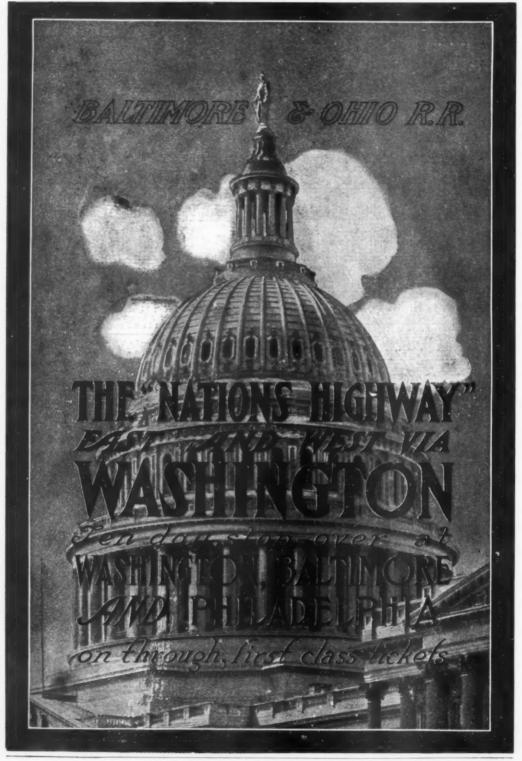
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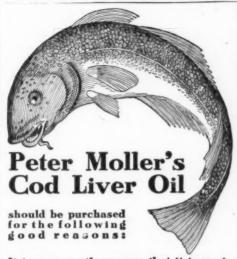
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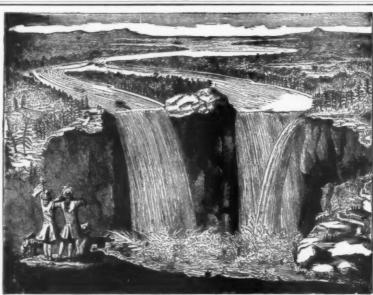
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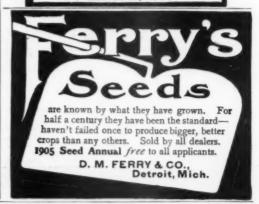
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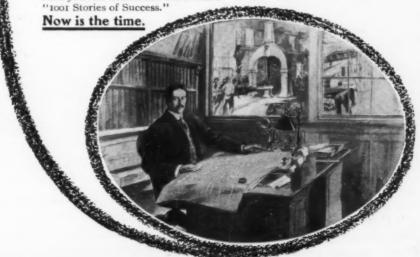
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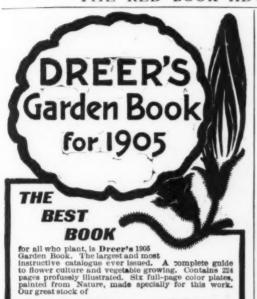
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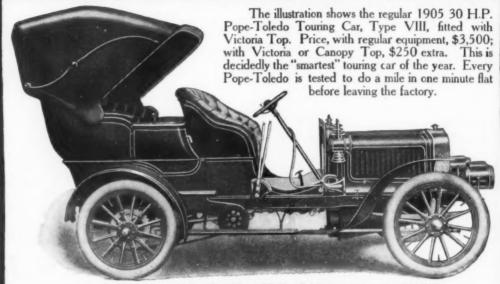
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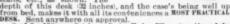
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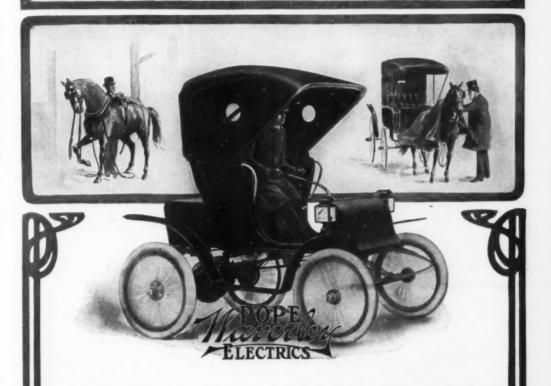
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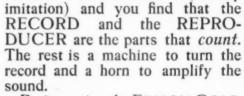
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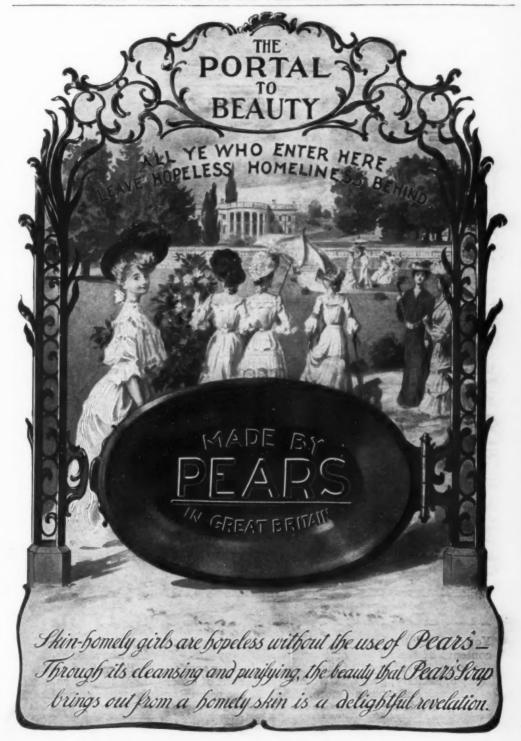
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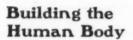
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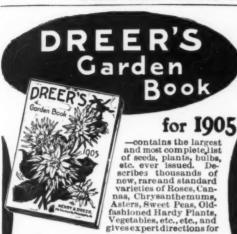
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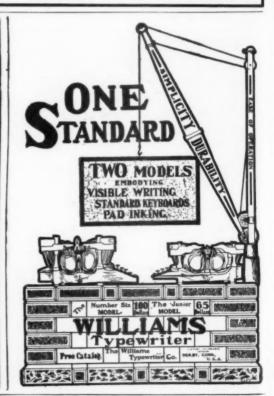
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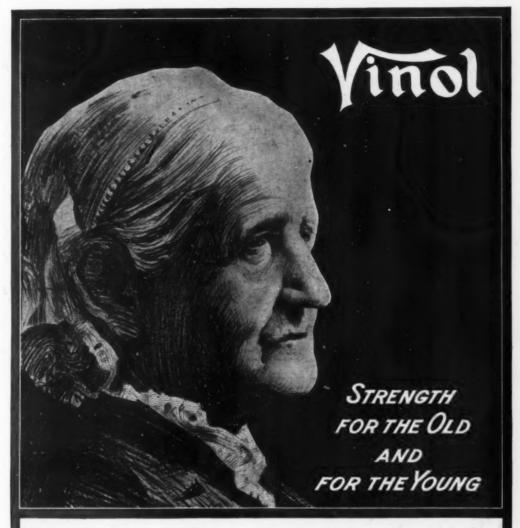
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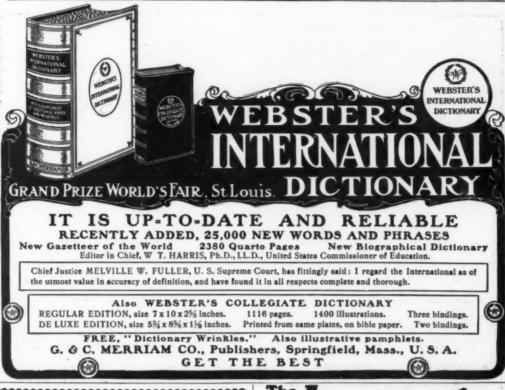
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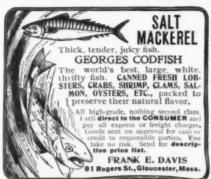
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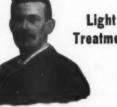
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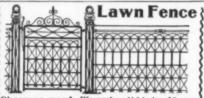
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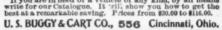
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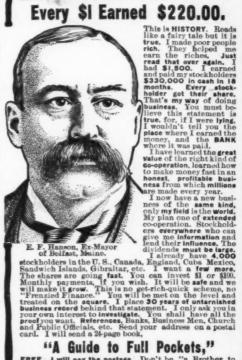
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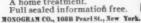
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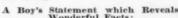
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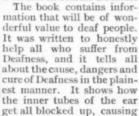
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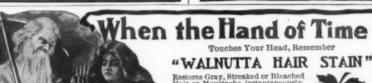
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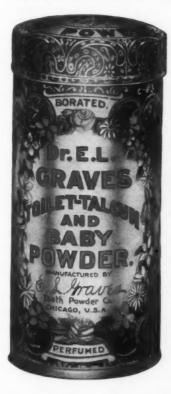
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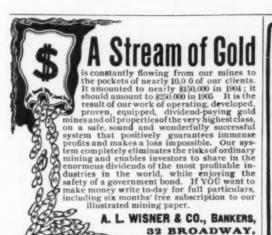
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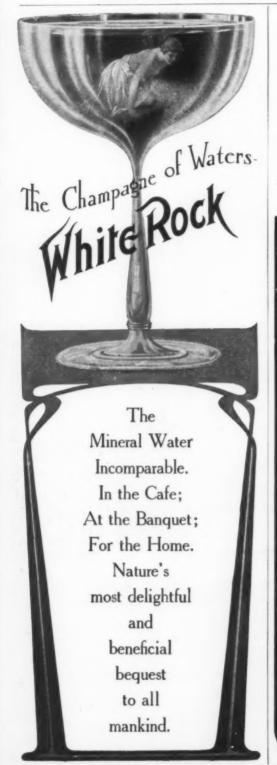
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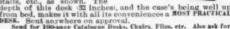
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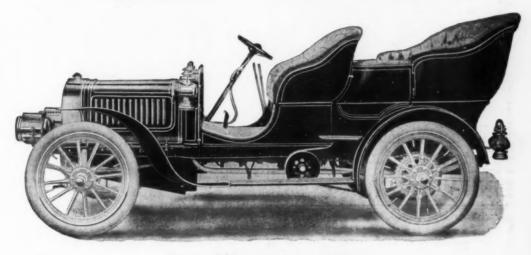
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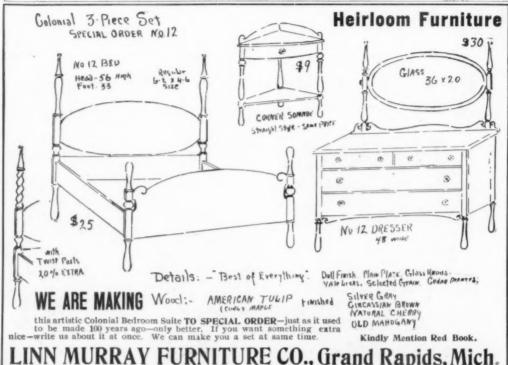
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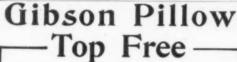
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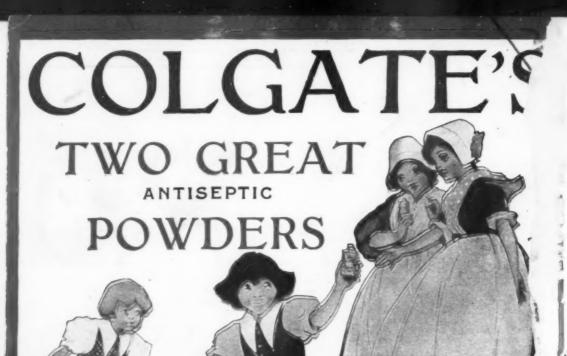
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